

Friends have said that Brian always wanted to be a police officer. Brian said that he became a police officer because he wanted to make a difference. I want my colleagues and the whole Nation to know that he did.

Throughout his service as a police officer, he upheld the law, and he served the communities with dedication, compassion, and a warm smile. He knew the risks that come with being a law enforcement officer, and he accepted them willingly.

I had the honor of attending the memorial service for Officer Shaw at Mount St. Peter Church last week. The turnout was amazing. The church was packed to the rafters. Thousands more stood outside, including more than 1,000 police officers. I can't think of a more tangible expression of respect and appreciation for Officer Shaw's service and his sacrifice.

In closing, I want to express my deepest sympathy to Officer Shaw's parents, Lisa and Stephan; his brother, Steffan; his fellow police officers; his family; and his friends.

HONORING POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SHAW

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from Pennsylvania for his remarks regarding Officer Shaw.

The Book of Wisdom teaches that "the souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them."

The family and friends of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, Police Officer Brian Shaw today must trust in that Scripture as they continue to grieve his loss.

Officer Shaw was only 25 years old when he was taken in an act of senseless violence, but in his short life, he learned a great deal, and what he learned allowed him to give even more.

Brian Shaw knew his vocation, to serve as a police officer and, as he said, to make a difference. His former supervisor, Frazer Township Police Chief Terry Kuhns, recalled that when Brian gave that answer during his job interview, he knew he meant it as he looked in his eyes and his smile.

Perhaps what Chief Kuhns saw in Brian were virtues our world desperately needs more of: authenticity and sincerity. Those virtues contributed to what New Kensington Police Chief Jim Klein described as Brian's incredible passion for his work.

To Brian's parents and family, you raised him right. May Brian Shaw, a just man, evermore rest in the hands of God.

WE NEED TAX REFORM

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share some of the feedback I have heard from my constituents about the tax bill that has already passed this House and is now under consideration in the Senate.

More than 2,000 of my constituents have taken the time to reach out to me and share their overwhelming opposition to this bill.

I have heard from people like the 83-year-old man in Lake Forest who will face financial hardship when he is no longer able to deduct his medical expenses; or the professor at Rosalind Franklin University in north Chicago who emailed that she is worried about what the elimination of the tuition waivers will mean for her medical students; or the man in Libertyville who fears that, with the elimination of the State and local tax deduction for property taxes, he will face both a higher annual tax bill and more than a 10 percent hit on the value of his home.

Mr. Speaker, we need tax reform. I remain committed to working across the aisle to achieve it, but this partisan proposal is not the way. I urge my colleagues to listen to their own constituents, abandon this fatally flawed bill, and work in a bipartisan way to accomplish fair, responsible tax reform.

HIGHLIGHTING THE RISING SEVERITY OF ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS ON FEDERAL LANDS

(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, today I rise to highlight the rising severity of illegal marijuana grows on Federal lands.

In 2016, the DEA Cannabis Eradication Program found a 60 percent increase in the amount of assets seized from marijuana raids compared to just the previous year.

The same year, the Forest Service eradicated nearly \$1.5 million worth of marijuana plants from over 240 sites on National Forest System in the Pacific area alone.

Local sheriffs from my district have expressed to me their great concern for public safety, environmental destruction, a lot of time which farmers end up getting blamed for for water quality and the chemicals and stuff that get left behind, not the farmers' fault, but indeed these illegal grows, and even human trafficking gets caught up in all this.

What is currently being done to address the amount of marijuana grows on our public lands? Not nearly enough. People feel endangered by going out into their public lands, whether it is adjacent private property owners or what have you.

Timber harvest needs to be done, forest thinning needs to be done, taking

care of the environmental needs for our wildlife, all that, and it can't happen due to these illegal grows and the danger they bring. They should be able to enjoy them, and we should be able to stop this illegal practice. We need many more assets poured into our Western forest lands to eradicate this illegal grow.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF MONSIGNOR FRANKLYN CASALE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Monsignor Franklyn Casale, who will retire this coming spring after serving as president of St. Thomas University for the past 24 years.

Monsignor Casale has led an exemplary life of service, including many leadership positions. In south Florida, we are most thankful for the monsignor's distinguished presidency of St. Thomas, which included the expansion of campus facilities, positioning the university as a leader in the fight against human trafficking, and the establishment of the university's first doctoral program.

During his tenure, Monsignor Casale created a legacy of committed service, which transformed St. Thomas into one of the Nation's leading universities, and prepared thousands of his graduates to become leaders in their fields.

Once again, congratulations, Monsignor Casale, on a well-deserved retirement and on a remarkable career advancing St. Thomas' legacy of academic achievement and spiritual development. Your lifelong emphasis on Catholic values, diversity, and student success has helped empower many students to take on the world with compassion and strong conviction.

"Congratulations, my friend,"
"Felicidades, mi amigo."

CONGRATULATING ST. CROIX NATIVE TIM DUNCAN

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Croix native Tim Duncan on his induction to the Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

In 1989, Tim was training to be an Olympic swimmer when Hurricane Hugo struck the Virgin Islands, destroying all of the Olympic-size swimming pools. With no place left on the island to train, he turned his focus to basketball.

At Wake Forest, he helped lead the team to four NCAA tournaments, was named the National Association of Basketball Coaches Player of the Year three times, the ACC Player of the Year twice, and the National Player of the Year in 1997.