

individual. It is an attack on a party. It is an attack on our representative government and the ideals that underpin our democracy.

I believe our Nation can chart a new course. Where there has been division, there can be unity. Where there has been hatred, there can be understanding. Where there has been vitriol, there can be civil discourse.

In the aftermath of the 2011 shooting, Tucson united to support the grieving, honor the victims, and commend our first responders. Just this morning, my hometown dedicated the January 8 Memorial in downtown Tucson.

Tonight, we remember those we lost: Christina-Taylor Green; Dorothy Morris; Judge John Roll; Phyllis Schneek; Dorwan Stoddard; and congressional staffer, Gabriel "Gabe" Zimmerman.

Mr. Speaker, I would now ask that the House rise and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will rise for a moment of silence.

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EL SALVADOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

(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 to express my disappointment with the administration's decision to terminate temporary protected status—TPS—for hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans. This decision comes just after it terminated TPS for Haiti and Nicaragua.

In 2001, El Salvador was struck by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake that left destruction and tragedy in its wake, resulting in 250,000 Salvadorans coming to the U.S. seeking safety. Since then, they have been key parts of our communities and important contributors for our economy. It is cruel and inhumane to tell them that they will no longer be afforded temporary status here in the U.S. and that they have to go back to unsafe and uncertain conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the administration to reverse the decision to terminate TPS for El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Haiti. I ask my colleagues to join me in a letter to the administration asking it to right this wrong and to also extend this status for Honduras.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, each January, we honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for all he did to help us live out the true meaning of our creed.

Dr. King dedicated his life to justice and equality, and he died for it. But even with his ideals, Dr. King would have never had the impact he did if it weren't for his willingness to dedicate his life to service. That path of service is open to us all.

As Dr. King said: "You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve."

Dr. King knew that service isn't about your education or your background. It is about much more than that. He taught us all that all you need to serve is "a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

That path is not an easy one, but it is one we can all take, and we should.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, January 9, is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. It is a time to celebrate everything that our law enforcement men and women do for our communities. While it is important to appreciate their courage and bravery, it is also a time to honor them and thank them for their service.

Every single day, police officers go to work not knowing what dangers may lie ahead of them while on the job. They put their lives on the line with a mission to both serve and protect. By the way, these law enforcement personnel are our friends, our neighbors, and even family members.

Last year, 128 police officers lost their lives defending the thin blue line. One of them was Officer Bill Mathews of Wayzata, Minnesota. He was certainly well known and part of the fabric of the community. He is missed not only by a loving family—his wife, Shawn, and son, Wyatt—but also by those he worked with and the residents he served while on patrol in neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, those who serve in law enforcement will often say it is a calling, and we honor that calling of service on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

REMEMBERING DEPUTY SHERIFF DANIEL MCCARTNEY

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

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, last night, after many of us went to bed, one of my constituents called 911. It was everyone's worst nightmare: an intruder in the house.

But then a superhero appeared, in the dark and in the cold, in the form of Pierce County Deputy Sheriff Daniel

McCartney: a husband, a father of three, and a son.

His bravery last night was just one of thousands of times he protected us, having served 10 years in uniform as a police officer and 7 years in the Navy. His bravery last night cost him his life, as he was gunned down by the intruder.

We are all shocked and saddened by his loss. We share our grief with his family, friends, and his brothers and sisters in blue. Some of them will do Deputy McCartney's patrol tonight, in the dark and in the cold, and they will come running when we need them.

Not everyone can do what they do. These are special people with special skills and with special abilities.

May the life of Deputy Sheriff McCartney remain special to all of us.

CONGRATULATING MANVEL MAVERICKS

(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, sometimes life matters by the inch. Last month, for the Manvel Mavericks, their dream came down to 12 inches—1 foot. That is how close they came to winning every football game they played in 2017, including the Texas 5-A Division 1 State Championship.

Was Manvel disappointed when they lost?

Heck yes.

Did we shed some tears?

Heck yes.

Are we more proud than ever of our guys?

Hell yes.

That pride comes from how they played, win or lose. An example of our pride is next to me. That is our team listening to our senior quarterback, Kason Martin's final words as a member of the Mavericks. Kason's words rang true then, and they ring true for all eternity.

He said: I'm forever Manvel. I don't care what the scoreboard says. We are the champions. Hoka Hey.

FREEDOM IS NOT PARTISAN

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, freedom is not partisan.

Yesterday, on the corner of Post Oak and Westheimer in Houston, Texas, I stood with Iranian Americans, linking arms with them as they protested and petitioned for a free and democratic Iran. I told them that the cries of hunger and economic needs, and the cries of young people who wanted freedom in Iran were my cries, and that we believed in democracy, freedom, and peace, and that we would not leave them alone.

So, again, I say to them: We stand not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans, wanting for a free government that allows the people's voices

to be heard, and that despotic governments have no place in a society that relishes and thirsts after freedom.

I want to thank the law enforcement officers who stood by in the cold—yes, the cold in Houston—and allowed for a peaceful protest in this time of honoring them a national law enforcement commemoration. Again, I want to thank them, for they go to places where they are needed and they allow democracy to reign. I will say democracy will reign in Iran, and Iranian Americans are not alone in their quest for freedom, democracy, and peace.

TRIBUTE TO NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY BISONS

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

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the North Dakota State University Bisons, who, on Saturday, won their sixth NCAA Division 1 football championship in the last 7 years.

When Chris Kliemen was named head coach at NDSU 3 years ago, he inherited a tradition of excellence and made it a dynasty. Merriam-Webster defines “dynasty” as “a powerful group or family that maintains its position for a considerable time.”

Well, Mr. Speaker, winning six national championships in 7 years certainly meets the second half of that definition. And anyone who knows Bison football knows that they are a family. It is what makes them special.

Quarterback Easton Stick was named the Game’s Most Outstanding Player, but it was the Bison defense that shined the brightest on Saturday, holding James Madison University’s explosive offense to a season low 241 yards and just 13 points.

Perhaps it was linebacker Nick DeLuca who put it best when asked how the Bison defense was able to respond so spectacularly in so many difficult situations. He simply said: “Just remain focused and calm.”

Good advice, Nick, in football and politics.

Congratulations, Bisons. You make us proud.

TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR EL SALVADOR

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the President’s cruel decision to terminate temporary protected status for El Salvador, hurting 200,000 people and their 193,000 U.S. citizen children.

Mr. Speaker, many of these people have lived alongside us as friends and neighbors for decades. It is unfathomable that the administration would deport people back to one of the most dangerous parts of the world.

When it comes to the rights and lives of immigrants, we cannot be silent. Defending temporary protected status to protect those fleeing war, disease, and natural disasters is a priority that crosses party lines and political barriers. That is why, last month, I joined my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to introduce the ASPIRE-TPS Act that would help bring justice for immigrants who are deeply woven into the fabric of our society. It is apparent that congressional action is necessary now more than ever to protect people with TPS.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help us advance bipartisan legislation to protect the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on these protections.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMER). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

TAX RELIEF IS UPON US

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last month, Congress passed the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Tax relief is upon us for American workers, families, and job creators. Come February, there will be more money in your paycheck.

Workers are already seeing the benefits of this historic tax cuts bill. Businesses across the country are now giving bonuses, pay raises, and making new investments that will get our economy back on track.

Pennsylvania’s own AccuWeather provided a year-end bonus to all employees due to the strong confidence in the United States and global economy now that tax reform passed.

And AccuWeather isn’t alone. Thanks to tax reform, Wells Fargo boosted its minimum wage for employees to \$15 an hour and targeted \$400 million in nonprofit donations this year. AT&T paid more than 200,000 U.S. employees \$1,000 each and increased its capital spending budget by \$1 billion. Sinclair Broadcast Group paid \$1,000 bonuses to nearly 9,000 employees.

These are just some of the many businesses that are rewarding their employees, thanks to tax reform, fair and simple.

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SHAME TRAFFICKERS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the deviants of the slave trade operate all around us. Human trafficking occurs in our country, our States, and in our cities.

January, Human Trafficking Awareness Month, seeks to bring light to this

scourge against humanity: nothing more than modern-day slavery.

We must not only remain vigilant but must go after the buyers and sellers in the sex trafficking trade. This is one of them right here.

That is why I have introduced, along with CAROLYN MALONEY, the Shame Act, to expose the identity of convicted traffickers and buyers of human beings.

The Shame Act allows judges to publish the names and photographs of convicted traffickers and buyers in public places, such as on billboards.

Mr. Speaker, as a judge in Texas, I successfully used shame punishment. It worked. Dubbed “poetic justice” by the media, I learned that the last thing criminals want are their faces exposed to the public.

Traffickers and buyers must know they cannot hide behind their dastardly crimes. It is time to send a message loud and clear about human trafficking: not in our cities, not in our States, not in our Nation, not anymore.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING LYNN RANEY

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn Raney, who passed away on December 28. He was a talented artist, a dedicated State worker, an admired teacher, and a respected member of our central Illinois community.

Lynn found great joy in serving others. I got to know him during his time working in public service for the State of Illinois.

There was never a day that Lynn did not have a smile on his face, even in the midst of difficult family health tragedies. As a matter of fact, Lynn Raney helped set up a press conference where he found out he was being laid off from the State of Illinois by a new Governor.

I have no doubt that Lynn will be remembered well for his talent as an artist. Not only did he teach art to high school students, but he was known for the care and creativity he put into his annual Christmas cards. Just before this Christmas, I received one of his cards, and I will cherish it even more after his passing.

I am proud to honor Lynn today. He left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. He was a good friend, a devoted husband, and a loving father, who will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

REDFIELD SNOW

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