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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Richardson Police Officer David Sherrard.

Last month, Sherrard and other officers responded to a domestic disturbance, where Sherrard was shot and later succumbed to his wound.

Mr. Speaker, David Sherrard served with the Richardson Police Department for 13 years. He was known for his generosity and bravery, but above all, he was known for his faith in God, which he shared with others.

Sherrard was the first Richardson police officer to die in the line of duty. His death is a great loss. His wife and daughters remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the service and sacrifice of David Sherrard, a true hometown hero.

WILLIE O'REE SHOULD BE INDUCTED INTO THE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, 60 years ago, Willie O'Ree broke the color barrier in professional hockey, all while overcoming racial slurs, doubt, and blindness in his right eye.

Often referred to as the Jackie Robinson of hockey, Willie has been a trusted champion for diversity, a proponent of inclusion, and an inspiration for so many young players both off and on the ice.

Each February, we celebrate Black History Month as well as Hockey is for Everyone Month, and no one embodies both of those tributes as profoundly as living legend Willie O'Ree.

He is as humble as he is inspiring, often reminding fans that he only played in the NHL for 45 games, and while that may be true, he changed the game forever.

There are few players worthier of being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, and it is long overdue that Willie's name be added to that list.

As the Hockey Hall of Fame continues to accept and review nominee submissions before the March 15 deadline, I want to remind everyone of the countless ways Willie strengthened and supported this sport.

I thank him for his continued efforts to increase access for all people of all backgrounds to get out on the ice and play the greatest game.

UNLOCKING MONTANA'S PUBLIC LANDS TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to Washington inactivity that has locked up hundreds of thousands of acres of Montana public lands.

In the 1970s, Congress designated over 1 million acres of Montana as wilderness study areas. The U.S. Forest Service and BLM were charged with determining whether to include them in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

By the early 1980s, the Forest Service and BLM had made their recommendations, but Congress did not act. Now, nearly 40 years later, Congress still hasn't acted, and those study areas are still locked up.

Mr. Speaker, last week I introduced the Unlocking Public Lands Act and the Protect Public Use of Public Lands Act. These bills will release nearly 700,000 acres of lands found to be not suitable for wilderness designation and return them to Forest Service and BLM management.

County commissioners, State legislators, and impacted communities support this overdue action.

Congress is about 40 years late in unlocking Montana's public lands and increasing public access to them. It is time to finish the job.

THE NATION WILL NOT FORGET PARKLAND

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, it has been just 20 days since the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; but when you spend those days going to funerals and memorial services and vigils, and when you spend those days meeting with grieving parents who don't know what life is without their loved one, and when you spend those days demanding that this House take action, it feels a lot longer.

Life moves on, new headlines fight to push our pain aside.

One Parkland student, starting her first full week back at Marjory Stoneman Douglas since the shooting, said this on Twitter: "There are no media trucks in sight. Don't forget about Parkland."

Mr. Speaker, the fight is not over. Mr. Speaker, this Congress cannot and will not just move on from this tragedy.

The Nation will not forget Parkland, because this time, we join with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas students in declaring: "Never again."

RECOGNIZING OUR NORTH COUNTRY OLYMPIANS

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the hard work

and dedication of our north country Olympians, who made history at the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang.

The United States women's bobsled team, trained in Lake Placid in my district, finished strong with an incredible silver medal win.

We are also incredibly excited for Saranac Lake's very own Chris Mazdzer, who made Olympic history this year, taking home Team USA's first ever medal in men's singles luge.

Chris trained tirelessly at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, and I know he has inspired the next generation of New York-21 athletes from across our region.

Mr. Speaker, the north country has been buzzing with excitement since the Winter Games began, and seeing Chris on the podium was an incredible moment for us all.

Congratulations to Chris and to all our Olympians, who showed the world just what the north country has to offer.

GREAT LAKES WEEK

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, this week is Great Lakes Week.

As a Michigander, I am proud of the fact that Republicans and Democrats in Congress continue to work together to highlight the importance of our shared water resources and to protect the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes generate billions of dollars in economic activity and provide drinking water to 40 million people. We have to do everything we can to protect them from harm.

Unfortunately, President Trump recently unveiled his proposed budget, which cuts funding to the Great Lakes by 90 percent. An important restoration initiative that has succeeded and has had bipartisan support, the President nearly eliminates.

Protecting our Great Lakes has never been a partisan issue. Democrats and Republicans have come together before to restore funding cuts that were proposed by President Trump. I am confident that we will come together again.

This Great Lakes Week, as every week, I stand up for the Great Lakes and those who depend upon them. They are a critical water resource that must be protected.

RECOGNIZING ALBERTO CARVALHO

(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 Alberto Carvalho, the superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Nation's fourth largest school system, with more than 500,000 students.