

in our communities. While we grieve for those we lost and pray for their families, we must work together to prevent future gun violence atrocities.

While I am a proponent of the Second Amendment, we can no longer accept the status quo. With each mass shooting, a call to action comes and goes until the next shooting occurs. We are beyond the point of waiting. It is time for Congress to act. I urge my colleagues to take up gun safety measures that will protect our families and our communities. We cannot continue to mourn these tragedies without doing all we can to prevent them.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The injustice of gun violence affects each of our constituents and communities. Mr. Speaker, now is the time to set aside party politics and work together in the best interests of our nation to reduce gun violence.

THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
CARMINE SPINELLI

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and contributions of Mr. Carmine Spinelli, a native of Borough of Raritan, Somerset County, New Jersey who achieved an extraordinary record of leadership during his four decades of service to our great United States Army.

His path to making enduring contributions to our national security was apparently established by his father, an immigrant factory worker with a fifth grade education, who encouraged his son to pursue engineering as a profession. Based on that advice, young Carmine found himself in Indiana pursuing studies at Purdue University.

Armed with a degree in metallurgical engineering, Carmine started an entry-level position at Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township back in his home state in 1958. He never left. He earned promotion after promotion until he reached the top research job at Picatinny. As Technical Director of the Armaments Research and Development Engineering Center (ARDEC), a member of the Senior Executive Service, he managed an annual budget of more than \$600 million and a technical staff of over 2000 scientists and engineers and another 2000 support personnel. At ARDEC, his enduring contributions include the areas of armament and systems engineering, innovation, life cycle engineering, acquisition strategy, and national and international policy.

During his distinguished career at ARDEC, Carmine led teams responsible for all varieties of weaponry, from small bullets shot from pistols and rifles to tank ammunition and artillery systems. An early advocate of modeling, simulation, and prototyping, he helped usher in an era of "smart ammunitions" with pinpoint accuracy to help save lives throughout the world.

His was an impressive record of accomplishment. Among his government awards: Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Award (1998, 1990); Presidential Rank Meritorious Award (1996); Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award (1995); SES Performance Award (1994, 1993,

1992) NDIA Firepower Award (1988); Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award (1987, 1982); Honorable Order of Saint Barbara (1987); Technical Director's Award—ARRADCOM (1981), Army Research and Development Award (1965) and many Merit Performance Awards.

Since my election to Congress in 1994, I have been proud to work side-by-side with Carmine to advance the work conducted at Picatinny Arsenal—the Joint Center of Excellence for Armaments. As noted, he received many awards and honors for his efforts on bombs, bullets and more potent weapons systems. However, I believe he would not dispute that his greatest work was done in the area of human resources. His innovative and creative hiring practices led to the hiring and development of a whole new generation of highly skilled and talented armament engineers—men and women who today are ensuring that our joint warfighters have the tools and systems they need to meet every emerging threat on the battlefield. As Carmine liked to remind us, "every warfighter deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan or some other global "hot spot" carried a bit of Picatinny with them."

After his formal service at Picatinny ended, Carmine Spinelli still labored every day to boost the Arsenal, the Army and veterans across our State in various capacities, including as the unsung Chairman of the New Jersey Council on Armed Forces and Veteran's Affairs, which advocates for all of the State's military installations and missions.

Carmine Spinelli leaves behind a loving family. He is survived by his wife, Roseanne, son, David and daughter, Dina. We grieve along with them and hold them close in our thoughts and prayers.

While he was my constituent for a few short years, he has always been my friend. Carmine Spinelli will be sorely missed in his hometown of Raritan and in the many communities outside the Cannon Gates at Picatinny Arsenal.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
JOSEPH M. MURRAY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Colonel Joseph M. Murray for his service as Commander at Marine Corps Base Quantico. Colonel Murray has served as Commander at Marine Corps Base Quantico since the summer of 2015, during which time he has provided extensive support and leadership for the Quantico community.

Colonel Murray was born and raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Gonzaga College High School in the District. He has long been dedicated to serving our great Nation, as he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps following his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University. Since commissioning, he has held many operational assignments, including tours with 2nd Marine Division Camp Lejeune, North Carolina with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st BN 2nd Marines, and 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. He also served as the Deputy G-3, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, and commanded 2nd Supply Battalion during

Operation Iraqi Freedom. Serving as Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico is the newest adornment to his extensive list of military accomplishments, and I am extremely grateful for Colonel Murray's service to Marine Corps Base Quantico and our great Nation.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Colonel Murray on several different occasions on behalf of our men and women in uniform residing in Virginia's First Congressional District. I extend my best wishes to Colonel Joseph M. Murray as his Change of Command approaches and he embarks on his next journey with the Marine Corps. He has proven a phenomenal leader, and I am certain that he will continue to lead with the confidence and commitment he has shown as Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico as Ftinues his career as a Marine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me as we congratulate Colonel Joseph M. Murray's service to Marine Corps Base Quantico.

SECURING PUBLIC AREAS OF
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5766, the Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act of 2018.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Homeland Security Committee and former chair of the Subcommittee on Transportation Security, I am well aware of the importance of our nation's transportation system.

H.R. 5766, the Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act of 2018, works to improve the security of public areas of transportation facilities.

Our Nation's vital transportation facilities must be protected.

A safe, well-functioning transportation system is critical to the Nation's prosperity.

Whether it is by road, transit, aviation, rail, or waterway, we rely on our transportation system to move people and goods safely, facilitate commerce, attract and retain businesses, and support jobs.

Everyday millions of Americans travel through airports, train stations, bus terminals, and ports.

Over 2 million travelers per day passed through U.S. airports in 2017.

In Houston, George Bush Intercontinental Airport and William P. Hobby Airport served a combined total of over 54 million passengers in 2017.

George Bush Intercontinental Airport is the 14th busiest airport in the United States.

These airports are essential hubs for domestic and international air travel for Houston and the surrounding region.

It is critically important that their safety is assured.

After the September 11, 2001 attacks, the Aviation Transportation Security Act (ATSA, P.L. 107-71) was enacted and established the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

TSA is responsible for securing the Nation's transportation systems—both aviation and surface transportation.