

Mountain View building on Taylor Drive. As Wayne Township continued to expand, a second building was added on Hamburg Turnpike, giving the township two facilities at opposite ends of town. An addition of bay areas to the Hamburg Turnpike facility took place in 1992, and proved to be of great value, especially after fire destroyed the Mountain View building and all equipment had to be moved and stored.

The first ambulance for the Wayne squad was a 1942 recycled Buick hearse, which was obtained from Chicago. In 1954, a 1952 Cadillac became the second ambulance for the corps, and the original Buick was replaced by another Cadillac. The first two rescue vehicles were a Jeep wagon and a Chevrolet truck, which could transport personnel and equipment but could not carry patients from an accident site. This problem was solved with the addition of a Multi-Carry Rescue (MCR) vehicle in the early 1970's, and later by a rescue truck with a custom-designed box on a Ford diesel chassis obtained in 1987.

The organization that started out with only a handful of people has now grown to over 80 trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). All members receive this type of training, and may also complete courses with the State Police in heavy rescue work. The establishing of the Youth Squad in 1973 allowed youngsters 16 to 18 years of age to serve in an auxiliary capacity, and many went on to become members of the squad. Now known as the Cadet Corps, active members are still being sought.

The Squad has come a long way in the more than sixty-five years since the original "hearse" responded to its first call. Modern equipment, consisting of five modular ambulances and a state of the art rescue truck, highly-trained volunteers, and efficient communication systems, provide Wayne and surrounding municipalities and the County of Pas-saic, with the finest service by men and women who give much time and effort to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad, on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CAPTAIN  
SIDNEY EDWIN VEAZEY

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of the life of Captain Sidney Edwin "Ed" Veazey, a retired Navy veteran, husband, father, and grandfather from King George, Virginia. Ed Veazey admirably served in the U.S. Navy and will be remembered for his selfless devotion to his community.

Captain Veazey was born in September 1937 in Wilmington, North Carolina and after receiving his early education there and at Andover Academy, Massachusetts; he studied engineering at the United States Naval Academy and earned a PhD from Duke University in physics. Captain Veazey excelled aboard submarines for seven years during the Cold War and converted to submarine engineering

duty. As an engineering duty officer, he served at the Naval Ship Engineering Center, Chief of Naval Development, Naval Intelligence Center, Naval Surface Warfare Center, and United States Naval Academy. Captain Veazey retired after 24 years of honorable service.

Following naval service, he worked within industry supporting the Navy, and as an entrepreneur and developer. He held 19 patents. A vibrant member of the civic community, he served as President of the King George Chamber of Commerce, founding member of the County Historical Society, and members of the Lions Club and Military Officers Association of America.

Ed Veazey is survived by his wife Joy; sons Ted and Warren; daughters Karen and Ginger; daughters-in-law Kristin and Jenna; sons-in-law Joseph and Wes; and ten grandchildren. I extend my deepest condolences to his family members and anyone who had the privilege of knowing this fine gentleman. He was a very loved man whose service both to his community and our Nation, will be dearly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I implore you and my colleagues to join me as we honor the memory of Captain Ed Veazey.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS DECLARE  
WITH ONE VOICE OPPOSITION TO  
RELIGIOUS OPPRESSION

**HON. DANA ROHRBACHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, last month, nearly 300 Chinese Christian pastors publicly signed "A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith." In so doing, they have risked severe persecution, imprisonment, and even death in China's vast network of horrifying re-education and forced-labor camps. These courageous champions for Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and religious freedom have shocked and shamed China's communist regime before the world.

I regret to inform the people of the United States that a terrifying new round of attacks on Christians has been taking place in China. And earlier this year, President Xi Jinping introduced a five-year plan to "Sinicize" all that country's religions by blending them with "Chinese characteristics" such as loyalty to the Communist Party.

Over the past several months, the government has taken violent steps to fulfill this plan by closing and razing hundreds of Christian churches and seizing Bibles. Under the new crackdown, children and Communist Party members are banned from churches in some areas, and Party officials have forced Christians to replace posters of Jesus with portraits of President Xi Jinping. Reports have also confirmed that numerous Chinese Christians were sentenced to up to 13 years in jail for involvement in the so-called "cult" known as Christianity.

President Trump is standing for freedom and doing what is right rather than kowtowing to Chinese President Xi Jinping. He is demanding that China end its appalling persecution of Christians and other religious minorities—and I am proud to be shoulder-to-shoulder with him in the fight to stop this infamous case of communist terror.

The American people are outraged by President Xi's depraved behavior toward Christians. It must stop now. We should make that part of any future discussions. China is ruled by a brutal dictatorship. In fact, the so-called People's Republic of China doesn't have any democratic institutions. We must tell President Xi that the people and government of the United States will not give China trade benefits until the anti-Christian attacks stop.

The people of communist China want freedom. There are millions of Christians in that country—but its atheist dictatorship rules over people with an iron fist. We the people of the United States condemn the Chinese Communist Party for their bloody attacks on their own citizens. President Xi must end this inhuman and cruel persecution of Christians and allow religious freedom before the world will accept China as a civilized country.

Chinese state media falsely claim that its citizens enjoy freedom of religion. In fact, their constitution states: "No state organ, public organization or individual may compel citizens to believe in, or not to believe in, any religion; nor may they discriminate against citizens who believe in, or do not believe in, any religion."

Ever since Xi Jinping became president of China, in 2012, he has consolidated and centralized his power and cultivated a cult of personality like Mao. "Xi Jinping Thought" has even been added to China's constitution—a status reserved only for Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping previously. This means that any challenge to President Xi's policies—including his assault on Christians—may now be regarded as a threat to Communist Party rule.

More than 70 million Catholics and Protestants live in China, which means that China will have the world's largest Christian population in a few decades. I call on all of America's Christian leaders—and religious leaders of all faiths—to join with President Trump and all Americans in condemning China's hateful acts and praying that Chinese Christians will one day be able to live in China in freedom, in justice, and in religious liberty for all.

I include in the RECORD a Joint Statement by Pastors; A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith:

On the morning of Saturday, September 1, 2018, one of China's leading house churches, Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, posted a joint statement on Facebook declaring its stance on the new religious regulations. So far, the document has been signed by 116 church leaders\* across the country and the call for signatures remains open. This is an interesting and important document for the ongoing development of the house church's response to the new regulations, particularly as the church continues to reflect on and articulate its theology of the gospel and the kingdom, rather than resorting to language of liberty and rights. Along with Early Rain's 95 Theses, documents like this are important for the history of the church in China and should encourage Christians across the globe.

We are a group of Chinese Christians, chosen by the Most High God to be His humble servants, serving as pastors for Christian churches throughout various towns and cities. We believe and are obligated to teach the world that the one true and living Triune God is the Creator of the universe, of the world, and of all people. All men should worship God and not any man or thing. We believe and are obligated to teach the world that all men, from national leaders to beggars and prisoners, have sinned. They will

die once and then be judged in righteousness. Apart from the grace and redemption of God, all men would eternally perish. We believe and are obligated to teach the world that the crucified and risen Jesus is the only Head of the global church, the sole Savior of all mankind, and the everlasting Ruler and supreme Judge of the universe. To all who repent and believe in Him, God will give eternal life and an eternal Kingdom.

In September 2017, the State Council issued the new “Regulations on the Administration of Religious Affairs” and began implementing these regulations in February 2018. Ever since then, Christian churches across China have suffered varying degrees of persecution, contempt, and misunderstanding from government departments during public worship and religious practices, including various administrative measures that attempt to alter and distort the Christian faith. Some of these violent actions are unprecedented since the end of the Cultural Revolution. These include demolishing crosses on church buildings, violently removing expressions of faith like crosses and couplets hanging on Christians’ homes, forcing and threatening churches to join religious organizations controlled by the government, forcing churches to hang the national flag or to sing secular songs praising the State and political parties, banning the children of Christians from entering churches and receiving religious education, and depriving churches and believers of the right to gather freely.

We believe that these unjust actions are an abuse of government power and have led to serious conflicts between political and religious parties in Chinese society. These actions infringe on the human freedoms of religion and conscience and violate the universal rule of law. We are obligated to announce bad news to the authorities and to all of society: God hates all attempts to suppress human souls and all acts of persecution against the Christian church, and he will condemn and judge them with righteous judgment.

But we are even more obligated to proclaim good news to the authorities and to all of society: Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, the Savior and King of mankind, in order to save us sinners was killed, was buried, and rose from the dead by the power of God, destroying the power of sin and death. In His love and compassion God has prepared forgiveness and salvation for all who are willing to believe in Jesus, including Chinese people.

At any time, anyone can repent from any sin, turn to Christ, fear God, obtain eternal life, and bring great blessing from God upon his family and country.

For the sake of faith and conscience, for the spiritual benefits of the authorities in China and of society as a whole, and ultimately for the glory, holiness, and righteousness of God, we make the following declaration to the Chinese government and to all of society:

1. Christian churches in China believe unconditionally that the Bible is the Word and Revelation of God. It is the source and final authority of all righteousness, ethics, and salvation. If the will of any political party, the laws of any government, or the commands of any man directly violate the teachings of the Bible, harming men’s souls and opposing the gospel proclaimed by the church, we are obligated to obey God rather than men, and we are obligated to teach all members of the church to do the same.

2. Christian churches in China are eager and determined to walk the path of the cross of Christ and are more than willing to imitate the older generation of saints who suffered and were martyred for their faith. We

are willing and obligated under any circumstance to face all government persecution, misunderstanding, and violence with peace, patience, and compassion. For when churches refuse to obey evil laws, it does not stem from any political agenda; it does not stem from resentment or hostility; it stems only from the demands of the gospel and from a love for Chinese society.

3. Christian churches in China are willing to obey authorities in China whom God has appointed and to respect the government’s authority to govern society and human conduct. We believe and are obligated to teach all believers in the church that the authority of the government is from God and that as long as the government does not overstep the boundaries of secular power laid out in the Bible and does not interfere with or violate anything related to faith or the soul, Christians are obligated to respect the authorities, to pray fervently for their benefit, and to pray earnestly for Chinese society. For the sake of the gospel, we are willing to suffer all external losses brought about by unfair law enforcement. Out of a love for our fellow citizens, we are willing to give up all of our earthly rights.

4. For this reason, we believe and are obligated to teach all believers that all true churches in China that belong to Christ must hold to the principle of the separation of church and state and must proclaim Christ as the sole head of the church. We declare that in matters of external conduct, churches are willing to accept lawful oversight by civil administration or other government departments as other social organizations do. But under no circumstances will we lead our churches to join a religious organization controlled by the government, to register with the religious administration department, or to accept any kind of affiliation. We also will not accept any “ban” or “fine” imposed on our churches due to our faith. For the sake of the gospel, we are prepared to bear all losses—even the loss of our freedom and our lives.

Signatories of the Joint Statement:

Pastor Wang Yi (Chengdu Early Rain Covenant Church), Pastor Yang Hua (Guiyang Living Stone Church), Pastor Jin Mingri (Beijing Zion Church), Pastor Zhang Xiaofeng, Elder Sun Yi, Elder You Guanghui (Beijing Shouwang Church Governance Committee), Pastor Huang Xiaoning (Guangzhou Bible Reformer Church), Pastor Dou Shaowen (Zhengzhou Cornerstone Church), Elder Zhang Chuanlei (Guiyang Renai Reformed Church), Elder Wen Hongbin (Chengdu Xishuipang Reformed Church), Minister Yang Xibo (Xiamen Xunsiding Church), Minister Jiang Jianping (Foshan Olive Tree Church), Elder Xue Honggen (Chengdu Yudu Zhuen Reformed Church), Elder Char Changping (Chengdu Shengmingzhiquan Church), Minister Shi Shangbiao (Zhangzhou Feilizhijia Church), Pastor Li Tao (Kunming Endian Church), Pastor Shen Xianfeng (Wuhan Zhongfu Chenxing Church).

Elder Tang Bohu (Shanghai Caihong Reformed Church), Cui Quan (Shanghai Wangbang Xuanjiao Church), Pastor Su Yaorong (Taizhou Tianfu Reformed Church), Minister Wang Teng (Taizhou Mingdao Reformed Church), Pastor Wang Changyi (Tiaozhou Tiantai Fuyin Church), Pastor Ji Jianyang (Tiaozhou Xianju Mengen Church), Pastor Guo Chuanyu ChangchunLinhezhi Reformed Church), Pastor Li Lianmin (Shenzhen Shajing Bible Reformed Church), Pastor Zhuang Zhiyong (Shenzhen Huaqiang Bible Reformed Church), Pastor Chen Jingtang (Shenzhen Guifangyuan Bible Reformed Church), Pastor Huang Lei (Wuhan Shangxiatang Church), Pastor Zhang Yong (Changchun Yangguangzhijia Reformed

Church), Pastor Gao Lijun (Wenzhou Wangkun Church), Minister Cai Jingliang (Foshan Fangzhou Church), Minister Xu Jianwei (Hebei Tangshan Church).

Minister Jiangtian (Chengdu Gospel Church), Minister An Yankui (Taiwan Xuncheng Reformed Church), Elder Haoming (Deyang Qiuyu Qingcaodi Church), Minister Li Zihu (Chengdu Ziuyu Enyue Church), Minister Cheng Zhangchun (Chengdu Qiuyu Jianan Church), Minister Cao Qingen (Chengdu Linxishu Reformed Church), Minister Wang Tianmin (Shamen New Creation Church), Minister Wan Changchun, Elder Wang Zhaorong, (Bangbu Huoshi Reformed Church), Pastor Li Jiale (Beijing Daohang Zhijia Church), Pastor Huang Yizi (Wenzhou Pingyang Fengwo Church), Pastor Lin Yage (Guiyang Mengen Church), Pastor Wu Yiqi (Changchun Fuyin Zhiguang Reformed Church), Minister Gu Hongfei (Beijing Aixuan Church), Pastor Xu Zhibing (Jiangsu Guanyun Xiansi Duizhong New Church), Pastor Peng Qiang (Chengdu Enfu Reformed Gospel Church).

Elder Zheng Zhaobei, Ministers Ren Lichuan and Jie Shoutuan (Chengdu Xishuipang Reformed Gospel Church), Elder Jiang Guocheng, Elder Peng Yuan (Renshou Enhui Reformed Gospel Church), Elder Liu Maolin (Linyi Enyue Reformed Church), Elder Yan Xiaoxin (Rizhao Enzhao Reformed Church), Elder Huowei (Linyi Enquan Reformed Church), Elder Chen Shun (Linyi Enyuan Reformed Mission), Elder Li Rongtai (Linyi Enlin Reformed Church), Minister Yang Binchuan (Zaozhuang Zhuentang Church), Pastor Liu Hongwei (Beijing Ganlan Shan Church), Minister Lin Hesheng (Chengdu Fanglin Church), Liu Zhiyong (Xi’an Jitacun Cornerstone Church), Minister Luo Ruisheng (Guangzhou Sui Guizheng Fuyin Tuanqi Huangshen Jiangdian), Minister Ye Xinde (Fujian Zhangpu Yilin Zhijia Reformed Church), Minister Meng Yongguang (Gansu Lanzhou Chenxing Church), Minister Wang Zisheng (Qingdao Jimiya Church), Minister Huang Wenyou (Hong Kong Chinese Christian Church).

Minister Chen Huizhen (Zhangzhou Longhai Shima Xincheng Church), Pastor Liu Yang (Xi’an Xinwang Ai Church), Minister Sun Chao (Yunnan Qujing Feila Tiefei Church), Pastor Xu Mei (Xi’an Enquan Church), Pastor Dong Zhi (Beijing Hemujia Church), Brother Liang Yongen (Dalian Shien Zhen Church), Pastor Ju Dawei (Xi’an Halleluah Church), Pastor Zhao Yanwei (Zhengzhou Zhongai Church), Pastor Ren Jinbiao (Hebei Botou Shihong Grace Church), Pastor Huang Lei (Hunan Yueyang Shipan Shisheng Jingdu Church), Pastor Sun Hong (Jilin Shengyue Zhendao Church), Minister Zhu Lehai (Zhangjiajie Hope Christian Church), Pastor Zhang Qianjin (Beijing, missionary), Pastor Gao Qianfu (Xi’an Zhiguang Church), Pastor Guo Zhi (Dongguan Reformed Gospel Church).

Minister Chen Shengda (Wenzhou Boteli Church), Minister Wang Lanqing (Shandong Linyi Tiancheng Shengyue Church), Pastor Guo Yijun (Beijing Endao Reformed Baptist Church), Minister Xu Fengchuan (Anhui Fuyang Nanzhao Xingqi Faguang Church), Minister Huang Wenguang (Shenzhen Jehovah Yile Church), Minister Li Jianxuan (Shenzhen Thanksgiving Church), Minister Yin Xuguang (Beijing Shijing Shanshuguang Church), Pastor Zhou Yunfeng (Xianyang Xin Wang Ai Yangwang Church), Minister Yang Fuli (Shijiazhuang Hongdao Church), Teacher Cheng Chaohua (Wenzhou Shenzhen Preaching Team), Minister Qin Shengjie (Henan Balizhuang Church), Teacher Wang Weixin (Wenzhou Yufutang Church), Pastor Weng Xiangkun (Wenzhou Shenzhen Preaching Team), Pastor Huang hanxin (Wenzhou

Shenzhou Preaching Team), Minister Wang Xiao (Henan Dongguocun Church).

Pastor Zhu Jiahao (Wenzhou Shenzhou Preaching Team), Minister Xinyi Chuandao (Datong Lirenza Church), Minister Zhao Lihui (Datong Lirenza Church), Pastor Lin Jinlian (Wenzhou Shenzhou Preaching Team), Pastor Yan Xiaojie (Wenzhou Shangjiang Church), Minister Chen Jiafu (Chen Dawei) (Fuzhou Boteli Reformed Church), Pastor Du Youchang (Jingmen Ganlanshan Church), Pastor Wang Yongcheng, Elder Feng Guangxiong (Shen Ai Shi Ren Fengshou Church), Pastor Ruan Dawei (Zhanjiang Gengxin Church), Minister Guan Xinyuan (Jiangsu Liyang Family Church), Minister Zhao Ruohan (Henan Xihuo Church), Minister Sun Chanli (Hubei Shiyang Rongguang Biliya Church), Elder Li Youhong (Chengdu Shengming Zhi Quan Church), Elder Yan Xixia, Elder Su Bingsen, Elder Li Yingqiang, Elder Tan Defu, Minister Zhang Xudong, (Chengdu Early Rain Covenant Church).

#### HONORING WENDY ZAPATA WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

##### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wendy Zapata as a woman of the year. She is a well-known as a community leader, mentor, activist and small business owner. In 2012, she and her sister established the NorCal Assets Solutions which aims to provide Medicare Planning, Long Term Care alternatives, Safe Retirement, and importantly educates individuals on making informed choices to save for their future through a variety of resources. Ms. Zapata is instrumental in serving her community and annually organizes open workshops such as the Senior Resource Fair to inform the community about resources and organizations available to them. As a member of the Soroptimist International, Ms. Zapata generously dedicates her time to better the status of women and girls in the community by encouraging social and economic empowerment for women. She is especially passionate about organizing and supporting local community events to ensure their success and further assist individuals in her community. Her passion for volunteerism is evident from her role in organizations such as United Way, the Alzheimer's Association, Marysville Stampede, Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, Adventist Fairway to Golf, and many more. Wendy Zapata is known within her community to be hard-working, kind, and a leader with integrity. She aims to make a positive difference and her contributions to the community cannot be overstated.

#### RAISING AWARENESS OF NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

##### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate National Bullying Prevention

Month, a nationwide campaign held during the month of October to provide efforts in uniting communities to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.

As a Co-Chair of the House Congressional Children's Caucus, member of the Mental Health Caucus, and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, I have been saddened by one episode after another of children losing their lives and the lack of a coordinated response to incidents of bullying.

In September of 2018, the Jackson Lee Anti-Bullying bill, H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization Act was passed by the House.

This legislation makes positive steps toward reform in juvenile justice and targets bullying and bullying prevention.

This bill: targets bullying and bullying prevention; reauthorizes the award of grants to consider this problem in the amount of \$30 million for one year; and, subjects grants to accountability measures: the Office of Inspector General in the Department of Justice (DOJ) must conduct annual audits of selected grant recipients and the Department of Justice must submit an annual certification to Congress and identify and report on duplicative grant awards.

In October of 2015, I held an Anti-Bullying Town Hall Hearing in my district where over 40 witnesses—organizations, experts, bullying victims, and even bullies themselves—came out and shared their stories and experiences.

National Bullying Prevention Month was founded by the PACER Center's National Bullying Prevention Center, this campaign has been recognized by school communities all over the United States, for the past 12 years.

Bullying is defined as the use of repetitive aggressive behavior such as force, intimidation, threat, or abuse, which depicts an imbalance of power, socially or physically.

Studies show that at some point in a child's life, they experience bullying in some capacity, no matter what form.

No single factor puts a child at risk of being bullied or bullying others.

Time and time again, the root causes of bullying are racial, gender, sexual orientation, and religious discrimination.

Justification for this matter shows that when children perceived as different are not in supportive environments, they are more prone to being bullied.

Bullying based on religious differences tend to be the result of misinformation or spreading of negative perceptions on how an individual expresses their belief.

American schools harbor approximately 2.1 million bullies and 2.7 million of their victims.

Derrin Bridges, a 13-year-old boy from Kansas City, Missouri, was bullied and held at gunpoint by a 17-year-old.

Derrin who was noted to be on the autism spectrum, was severely mistreated; he was verbally assaulted with racial slurs, he was physically beaten, and money was stolen from him.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Darren Bridges, his loving mother, Emily Bridges, and the rest of his family.

This type of disheartening experience can affect a child for a lifetime.

It is important to note that a significant increase in bullying rates is due to the prevalent use of technology among teens.

The internet enables information to spread far and wide across the globe with the click of a button.

It is estimated that in 2011, approximately 2.2 million students experienced cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that happens over any digital device.

This consists of sending and posting negative, presumptuous, or harmful content about someone else, as well as sharing private information about someone in aim to cause humiliation.

Social media is an avenue that children and teens can easily access and use to engage in cyberbullying.

Sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and YouTube, are all platforms where the risk of cyberbullying is prevalent.

With easy access to an individual's page, users gain the ability to search and post discreditable information anonymously about anyone.

Bullying is now increasingly viewed as a contributor to the inflexed rates of suicide amongst youth.

It can leave a harsh toll on those affected, causing lasting impacts on mental health, substance use and suicide.

In 2016, Brandy Vela, an 18-year-old high school resident of my Congressional district, took her own life after experiencing relentless cyberbullying.

Brandy was a beautiful young lady, who was friendly and all around well-liked by her schoolmates.

Despite all the love given to her from friends and family, she took her own life due to the threats and messages she would continuously receive online, causing her to feel worthless.

I cannot fathom the sorrow that the Vela family endured at that time.

Brandy's memory lives on through her family and friends along with all those who work tirelessly to exterminate bullying.

The American youth witnesses bullying at least once a day.

Suicide rates solely among 10 to 14 year olds have grown more than so percent over the last three decades.

It is important that we act promptly to prevent such instances from happening; many of the deadly cases of bullying arise when children are teased and tormented simply for being different.

Our children are our future hence they must be our first priority.

#### HONORING SHERIFF RICHARD CUTTING AND UNDERSHERIFF MICHAEL BADGER ON THEIR RETIREMENTS

##### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate both Sheriff Richard Cutting and Undersheriff Michael Badger on their retirements from the Essex County Sheriff's Department.

After two years of service with the United States Marine Corps, Sheriff Cutting joined the Essex County Sheriff's Department in 1977 as a Deputy Sheriff. He became the first Essex