

youth across the country in their mission to engage youth to reach their fullest potential and continues to enrich the lives of our youth throughout Merced County.

The program's goal to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and life skills is accomplished through hands-on projects in agriculture, science, health, and civic engagement. In doing so, youth develop relationships with their advisors, who mentor them into and provide support to help them achieve their full potential. This enables 4-H'ers to develop into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries ready to lead the next generation of our country.

In my own district, the first 4-H office opened in 1917. Since then, Merced County 4-H has helped thousands of youth throughout the different communities that comprise Merced County to become confident, independent leaders. All the while, each different 4-H club throughout the county has been guided by their mission to provide experiences where young people learn by doing hands-on projects and at the same time, created more opportunities for youth to be engaged in their community.

The program, delivered by Cooperative Extension—a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation, is led in California by the University of California Cooperative Extension, the research and outreach arm of the UC's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This gives Merced County 4-H the unique opportunity to partner with UC Merced, the newest research university of the 21st century. Through this partnership, youth and advisors are connected to the scientific research of the UC happening in the San Joaquin Valley, to help better understand and solve problems in agriculture throughout California.

Honoring the organization showcases the incredible ways that 4-H inspires kids to do more and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Merced County, who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them. The 4-H National Network consists of nearly 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals that provide caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Merced County 4-H. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor them and recognize the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they needed for a lifetime.

HONORING ANN OGLE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Ann Ogle for her contribution to our state and her community.

Ann has spent her career working at Cummins and dedicates much of her free time toward volunteering in the community. Bartholomew County and our state are better off today because of her extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Ann and her late husband, Ted, are among my best friends in poli-

tics. They were among the first and most vocal supporters of my campaign for State Representative nearly twenty years ago. Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with the Ogles. They are great friends and wise advisers.

I want to thank Ann for her friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her family.

RECOGNIZING PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR STEWART GREENLEAF

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant, Pennsylvania State Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf. Senator Greenleaf devotedly served the people of Bucks and Montgomery Counties in the Pennsylvania General Assembly for 42 years. A lifelong resident of Upper Moreland Township, Senator Greenleaf graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where he played varsity basketball, and received his law degree from the University of Toledo School of Law. He is married to Cecelia "Kelly" Greenleaf. Early in his career, Senator Greenleaf served as Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County and Chief of Appeals, writing briefs for cases that were appealed all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Stewart Greenleaf's career in the Montgomery County Courthouse was his first exposure to politics, which inspired his decision to make a life-long career of public service. Working as a prosecutor, he gained the insight into the criminal justice system and the judiciary that led to his decades-long chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator Greenleaf has passed more legislation than any other member of Pennsylvania's 253-member General Assembly. He has been the prime sponsor of 160 bills signed into law, and the driving force of many other measures that didn't carry his name. Notably, he has authored the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2008, Pennsylvania's Megan's Law, the Grandparent Custody Law, the Rails to Trails Act, the School Pesticide Law, the Health Club Consumer Protection Act, the Puppy Lemon Law, the "No Means No" Law, the Amusement Ride Inspection Act, and the Missing Children Act. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Senator Greenleaf for truly dedicating his life to the service and betterment of others.

GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because this weekend 11 Americans were shot and killed while at a bris at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

This synagogue is a staple of the Squirrel Hill community and a place used by Jewish Americans and their neighbors to celebrate life moments, community achievements and their faith in God.

Sadly, one man, with a hate-filled heart and an AR-15, turned this peaceful, loving community into victims of one of America's worst and most shocking mass shootings.

These are the names of the Americans that this Republican-controlled House failed with our failure to pass commonsense, broadly-supported bans of military-style assault weapons, like the AR-15: Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Rose Mallinger, Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Joyce Fienberg, Dr. Richard Gottfried, DMD, Irving Younger, and Melvin Wax.

In addition to the 11 fatalities within the synagogue, four Pittsburgh police officers were shot and wounded, two remain in critical condition.

Sadly, this hate crime was not the only hate-related shooting in America in recent days.

Another man, with a hate-filled heart and a gun, shot and killed two Americans at a grocery store in Jeffersonton, KY.

In Jeffersonton, we lost fellow Americans: Maurice E. Stallard and Vickie Lee Jones, to senseless gun violence. Mr. Stallard was at the store with his 12-year old grandson to buy poster board for a school project. Tragically, he witnessed the entire event.

Mr. Speaker, by this Congress' negligence and inaction, we have created a situation where grandparents and grandkids aren't even safe going to the store for school supplies. Where will the madness end?

Before entering the Kroger and beginning his rampage, the shooter had attempted to enter a predominately African American church—we sadly could have seen another Mother Emanuel had he been successful in entering that church.

So, once again, Mr. Speaker, I ask you: "where does it end?"

Our houses of worship are no longer safe. In fact, in the last three years, our nation has experienced not one, not two but three mass shootings in houses of worship around the country.

Nine were killed at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Twenty-six were killed at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Now, eleven were killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Where will it end, Mr. Speaker? How many more praying people need to be gunned down before you will have the courage to act and save lives?

Even the Speaker's own Congressional District—Wisconsin's first—experienced as mass shooting at a Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek, which killed six.

Yet, still he did not act to save lives, even though his own constituents were gunned down for the loving and worshipping their God.

At what point did Congress become so beholden to the NRA that we can't find the political courage to save the lives of Americans exercising their First Amendment right to worship as they please?

It's past time for the madness to stop.

It's past time for Congress to act.

It's past time to stop arming hate while only offering half-hearted "thoughts and prayers" while places of faith become places of death by gun violence.

Mr. Speaker, will you act? Will you call Congress back into session and pass just one gun violence prevention bill?

Or is campaigning for the mid-term election and those NRA checks too important to you and the Republican Party?

HONORING LEE AND ROSE
MCNEELY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Lee and Rose McNeely for their contribution to our state and Shelby County.

The McNeelys have made a positive and lasting impact in their hometown of Shelbyville. Lee has had an incredible career as an attorney and is a founding partner of McNeely Stephenson, one of the top firms in the state. He has also served as a Trustee at our alma mater, Wabash College, and was President of the National Association of Wabash Men. I know our state is better off today because of the McNeely's extraordinary leadership and service to their community.

On a personal note, Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with Lee and Rose. They are loyal friends and wise advisers, who were among my earliest and most vocal supporters in Shelby County. We wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

SUPPORTING FAIR PRIVATIZATION
OF TITANIUM MINES IN UKRAINE

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with serious concerns about our national security. My home state of Colorado has a strong military tradition and military installations as well as a rich reserve of natural resources. I understand the importance of a well-equipped, well-supplied military force.

That's why I'm concerned about the current state of titanium mines in Ukraine. This may not seem like a major issue until you realize how dependent American commercial and defense aerospace is on foreign titanium. We import 79 percent of our consumed titanium each year. And much of this titanium comes from Russia.

In fact, key U.S. defense suppliers, like Boeing, GE, and Pratt and Whitney, rely heavily on Russian titanium.

This reliance on Russian titanium for key defense capabilities is deeply problematic in our present geopolitical environment. As the United States has justifiably sanctioned Russia for their interference in our election process and their belligerent activities in Ukraine and the United Kingdom, the Russian government has discussed retaliatory sanctions that could impact titanium exports to the United States.

In view of this precarious Russian relationship, we need to immediately identify alternative sources of titanium. China produces a lot of the metal, but they consume most of what they produce. And our national titanium stockpile was sold off over a decade ago.

A key source of potential titanium comes from mines in Ukraine. Ukraine has pursued a free-market economic reform effort that includes privatizing state-owned companies.

Unfortunately, in the midst of this reform effort, corruption, market distortion, and Russian influence has again reared its ugly head. Powerful oligarchs with ties to Russia and influence in the Ukrainian government are desperately trying to gain control of the titanium mines that are being privatized.

One of Ukraine's primary titanium mine assets is already under the pull of Russian influence. The Zaporozhye Titanium and Magnesium Combine is 49 percent owned by Dmytro Firtash, a Ukrainian billionaire with Russian ties who is under house arrest in Vienna and wanted by the U.S. for extradition due to his efforts to bribe Indian officials.

We cannot allow Russia to gain influence and control over a key source of titanium in Ukraine. Allowing them to monopolize the market for titanium would lead to serious geopolitical implications. Our ability to project power throughout the world, in a way that promotes global peace and stability, is dependent on military hardware that requires titanium for its construction.

Beyond our national security interests are the interests of the Ukrainian people themselves. We should support a fair and equitable process of privatization for Ukraine. A corrupt process would only undermine the rule of law and the country's political system.

Mr. Speaker, the United States and the international community must call on Ukraine to support a legitimate and fair process for the privatization and sale of titanium assets. We should push for an open and fair process that would allow global investors and U.S.-Ukrainian joint ventures to compete for these assets.

Supporting a fair and open tender process will benefit not only the United States, but also the livelihood of the Ukrainian people as well as the security of the entire world.

HONORING REV. MATTHEW
BARNES

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Rev. Matthew Barnes for his contribution to our state.

For years, Matt has served as a pastor and spiritual leader at the Indiana Statehouse. Republicans and Democrats alike are blessed to have Matt around to pray with or turn to for guidance. I was fortunate to get to know Matt during my time in the Indiana General Assembly. Without a doubt, our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

Most importantly, Matt is a brother in Christ, and I appreciate his prayers and encouragement over the years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. No doubt, Matt is a man who will continue to serve the Lord.

HONORING WANDA PAYNE FOR
HER PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honor of a dedicated public servant, my sister Wanda Payne, who recently retired from the Newark Public School System after thirty-two years of service.

Wanda's journey as a teacher began at the age of twelve, when she volunteered at Newark's Chen School. The following year she obtained a summer position at the school, and she worked there every year until her college graduation. Wanda attended Kean University, where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education.

She taught twenty-nine years at Camden Street School. Her first twenty-five years at Camden Street School were as a kindergarten teacher, then she taught pre-kindergarten for four years. Wanda transferred to Hawthorne Avenue School, where she taught kindergarten and first grade before retiring. Wanda has made a difference in the lives of our most precious resources, our children.

Wanda is dedicated to community service. She spent twenty-five years at the Fresh Air Fund, a program that sends hundreds of children to summer camp and assists seniors, single parents and the unemployed. She was a youth advisor for the North Jersey Youth Club, as well as the Youth in Government and Model U.N. programs for high school students. She is a consummate professional who has truly enjoyed her teaching career and her volunteer work.

I am grateful that Wanda chose to follow in my father's footsteps and become an educator. She has served the children of the Newark Public School System with her heart, and in the process has created an outstanding legacy.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Wanda Payne deserves to be recognized for a job well done during her many years of dedicated service to the children of Newark. I am proud to have such a dedicated sister and wish her much success in her future endeavors. Wanda is the mother of one son and the grandmother of four.

HONORING JANICE SILVEY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Janice Silvey for her contribution to our state and Hancock County.

Janice has spent her career in public service, working in the Hancock County Treasurer's office for over 40 years and serving as the Treasurer for the past six years. Hancock County is better off today because of her extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, I first met Janice almost a decade ago when I was running for Congress. She's an incredible woman and is unrelenting in her passion for advancing our shared Republican principles. She is a loyal friend and wise adviser.

I want to thank Janice for her friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her family.