

The United States has 46 percent of the global firearms available for public use but only 4 percent of the global population.

Social media has created a new avenue for bullying through cyber bullying thus creating a new set of mental health issues for professionals around the country to diagnose.

I fervently encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to develop a bipartisan agenda to draft legislation aimed at protecting our families and children from the careless possession and usage of guns in this country.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
MIKE ENNIS

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, DEVIN NUNES, to recognize Tulare County Supervisor Mike Ennis. This year, Mike is retiring from his position on the Tulare County Board of Supervisors following a career of 12 years of service to his community.

Born and raised in California, Mike has spent 60 years living in the City of Porterville. He attended Porterville High School, Porterville Junior College, and General Motors University of Automotive Management. Taking what he learned at school and college, Mike became an accomplished businessman and worked in the private sector, including for Faggar Buick and GMC.

Mike was elected to represent Tulare County's Fifth Supervisorial District in 2006, and has represented the communities of Springville, Terra Bella, Alpine, Ducor, Camp Nelson, California Hot Springs, Posey, Kennedy Meadows, Ponderosa, and Sequoia Crest. During his tenure on the Board of Supervisors, Mike has accrued a long list of accomplishments, including his work to secure funds for a new prison complex and new roads as part of the state's "Safe Routes to Schools" program in our community, as well as establishing the first mental health clinic, Porterville Wellness Center, in the area.

Mike has also been a tireless advocate for enlarging Success Reservoir by widening and raising the spillway. After nearly a decade of delay by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, we were proud to work with Mike in leading the community effort to get this critical project back on track. We recently secured full funding from the Army Corps to complete the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project, marking the beginning of the end of this long and storied project, which will bring additional water supplies and recreation opportunities to our community. Mike has also been an active member of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), traveling to Washington to advocate for critical road, bridge, and infrastructure projects in our community, as well as for commonsense reforms to byzantine Federal transportation policies and programs to help get projects to construction expeditiously. Among his accomplishments with TCAG have been the critical rehabilitations of State Routes 190 and 65, which are key transportation arteries in Tulare County. He also worked with us to reform National Forest management policies to reduce the risk of catastrophic fires

that can threaten the Giant Sequoias, important natural wonders that bring visitors from around the world to Tulare County.

Outside of his work on the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Mike is active in the local community, counting himself as a Charter Member of the Springville Siena Sunrise Rotary Club, the co-chair of the Porterville Fair Sales Committee, and a leader in the community's local4-H program for 27 years, not to mention being a past member of the Porterville Noon Rotary.

We have enjoyed working with Mike over the years, and always appreciated his insight, counsel, and advice on the important issues facing Tulare County. As Mike retires, he can rest assured that he has left an indelibly positive mark in our community, and we have been honored to call him a friend. On behalf of a grateful community, we wish Mike, his wife Diane, and their family all the best as he begins this new chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING GARTON TRACTOR

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Garton Tractor for their induction into the Ag Hall of Fame as the 2018 Legend of Agriculture by the National AG Science Center.

Garton Tractor is a 4th generation, family owned business that has been in operation since 1954 in and around the Central Valley, providing agricultural machinery to their customers. They pride themselves on quality product and service and assisting the agricultural industry.

Garton Tractor has nine different locations that range from Ukiah to Merced. The family is also deeply involved in giving back, supporting local charities that work to improve education and the quality of life in their local communities.

Since its official opening over six decades ago, Garton Tractor has thrived in the Central Valley. They have become a bedrock of our local agricultural community. Their service to the farm families has expanded and improved over the years, and we are proud to acknowledge their most recent achievement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Garton Tractor for their significant contributions to agriculture and their induction in the AG Hall of Fame.

HONORING DIWALI

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Diwali, a festival of lights celebrating the Hindu New Year. Originating in India, Diwali is the largest and one of the most important celebrations observed within the Hindu religion. Diwali's festival of lights symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Diwali festivities include deep cleaning and extensive decorating of office buildings, temples, and homes. The celebration begins by lighting clay lamps in temple windows in honor of Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of prosperity and wealth. Traditional Indian feasts take place with friends and loved ones, during which, sweets and presents are prepared and shared.

The significance of this event is not exclusive to India. Today, where there are Hindus they honor their traditions and observe this important day. Here in Colorado, for example, we have a thriving and growing Hindu community. The Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies located in the City of Littleton and the 6th Congressional District exemplifies this.

It is with great pride that I join all in recognizing President Sudhir Verma and Vice President Sridhar Talanki of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies also known as the Hindu Temple of Colorado, and I wish them and all the Temple's members, well as they celebrate Diwali.

GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans are still dying from gun violence, in our cities and towns, villages and rural communities.

Despite the fact that 93 Americans are shot and killed, each and every day, this House—controlled by Republicans—have done nothing to stop the violence.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle offer "thoughts and prayers" while doing nothing so they can collect those NRA checks.

Mr. Speaker, how did this happen? How did this House become so beholden to the gun lobby that the death of children fails to inspire us to stand up, speak out and act?

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the names of 250 Americans—many of whom are children—who've been shot in America. These are Americans that this House, this Congress has failed.

1. Julien Gonzalez, 2
2. Devin Kelly, 16
3. McKinley "Bonnie" Chavous, 3
4. Delmonte Johnson, 19
5. Jordan Martin, 18
6. Jahnae Patterson, 17
7. Earl Young
8. Joshua Campbell, 22
9. Eric Johnson, 22
10. Kendall Brown
11. Andrea Echeverria, 23
12. Bo Li, 14
13. Meigin Lin, 14
14. Lia Lin, 15
15. Kaileigh Lin, 17
16. Kenyate Sparks
17. Juan Espinoza Sr.
18. Donald Norris, 19
19. Malik McCloud, 19
20. Antonio Dixon, 19
21. Kenny Ivory, 17
22. Charles Green
23. Keshonda Monique Maxey, 19
24. Elijah Clayton, 22
25. Nicholas Cox
26. Zack Kempke, 14
27. Pruthvi Raj Kandepi, 25
28. Florence Police Officer Terrence Carraway