

State of hockey. At the end of this season, Mike hung up his skates and whistle and retired. When asked what he would miss most, Mike said it would be his players.

Growing up playing the sport of ice hockey myself, I will always remember the coaches for whom I played. I have carried the lessons that they taught me throughout my adult life.

Coach Guzzo, I thank you for serving as a role model to these athletes both on and off the ice. I know from my experience as a player that they will always appreciate everything that you have given to the hockey community.

I also want to thank Coach Guzzo for his dedication to the Silver Bay community and rural Minnesota. This community of Silver Bay matters, and Coach Guzzo, your life made it better.

Coach Guzzo, to you and your wife, I wish you a happy, healthy, and long retirement.

ARI HALBERSTAM AND THE JEWISH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

(Ms. CLARKE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, in light of the undeniable spikes in hate speech and hate crimes and conversations we have had in the House over the past few days, I rise today in memory of Ari Halberstam, a young neighbor of mine whose life was taken 25 years ago this week when anti-Semitic hatred morphed into terrorism.

Tragically, on March 6, 1994, Ari passed away at age 16 due to gunshot wounds to the head after a terrorist attack on the ramp leading to the Brooklyn Bridge.

Mr. Speaker, we must confront hatred in all of its manifestations, be it anti-Semitic attacks that took our beloved Ari's life or the hate-fueled neo-Nazi march through Charlottesville that took the life of Heather Heyer.

Devorah Halberstam, Ari's mother and my dear friend, is a crusader for justice and a forceful advocate in New York State for the passage of Ari's Law as part of a comprehensive gun control bill prohibiting interstate gun trafficking.

Determined to bring about something symbolic of resilience, tolerance, and beauty, in 2004 Ms. Halberstam established Brooklyn's iconic Jewish Children's Museum in my district in memory of Ari. The award-winning children's museum is Ari's legacy. It is our legacy.

The uptick in acts of anti-Semitism targeting Jewish communities are truly alarming, but must be confronted. Let us remember that these acts are in no way reflective of who we are as a Nation and/or our core values of tolerance, respect, and human decency.

Let us celebrate Ari's life and legacy by coming together in respect, tolerance, and, above all else, love.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF KYLE FORTI

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

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to mourn the loss of my friend, Kyle Forti. A native of DeKalb County, Kyle was the epitome of what it means to be a Hoosier. A strong man of faith, he held deep love for his God, his family, and his country.

Mr. Speaker, as a young man, Kyle was one of the first to believe in me as I began running for public office. He worked tirelessly to help me advance the conservative values that we hold dear. On Sunday, though, Kyle's life was tragically cut short after his helicopter crashed in northern Kenya.

No amount of words can describe my pride as I watched Kyle grow and develop into a husband to Hope, a father to Max, and a successful businessman.

As his mother correctly stated, he had a passion for humanity and the human soul. Although he left us too soon, his love for people and passion for liberty will serve as an inspiration for me for the rest of my life.

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CONGRATULATING THE NATE MACK ELEMENTARY AND GREENSPUN JUNIOR HIGH ROBOTICS TEAMS

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Nevada's Third Congressional District, I rise today to congratulate the robotics teams at Nate Mack Elementary and Greenspun Junior High School for advancing to the VEX Global Robotics Competition.

Nate Mack and Greenspun schools will be representing Nevada in the global robotics competition in Louisville, Kentucky, beginning April 27 through May 1.

Though these communities served by Nate Mack and Greenspun face challenges, these students will proudly show the rest of the world the great diversity and intellect in Nevada's Third District.

On International Women's Day, it is only fitting that I recognize that these teams embrace girl-powered movement in STEAM and are 50 percent girls.

Just this week, I visited the Nate Mack and Greenspun teams and talked to the students about their experience. I even got to test-drive a robot, which was pretty cool.

Today, I want to congratulate the Nate Mack Elementary and Greenspun Junior High School robotics teams, thank them on behalf of the people of Nevada's Third District for representing us at the VEX World Robotics Competition, and wish them the best of luck.

HONORING DR. FRANCIS GRAHAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Francis Graham of Waco, Texas, who passed away on January 10, 2019.

Frank was born on March 19, 1930, in Sparta, Wisconsin, to Francis Graham, Sr., and Theresa Snyder Graham. He was the second of nine children.

In 1947, at the age of 16, Frank dropped out of high school and enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. Frank later served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 as a member of an underwater demolition team, a predecessor unit to the Navy SEALs. In 1955, Frank returned to the Army and served until 1971, when he retired as a sergeant major serving with the Special Forces.

After he retired from the military, Frank decided to continue his education and obtained his doctorate in psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1976.

In 1982, Frank and his wife, Patricia, moved to Waco. For over 20 years, Frank practiced as a psychologist with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Frank was an active member of the local Special Forces chapter, the Woodway Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was the past president of both the local American Heart Association and the Italian Club of Waco. He was also involved with Saint Jerome's Catholic Church and was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Frank had a variety of hobbies, including breeding horses for racing, traveling, reading, movies, having family and friends over for game night, and being a connoisseur of fine wines and food.

Frank was also a member of my Military Service Academy Review Board, which assists in selecting candidates for nomination to our Nation's service academies.

Mr. Speaker, Frank's life was defined by his service to his family, to our country, and to our community. He will be forever remembered as a husband, a father, a grandfather, a veteran, a selfless servant, and a great friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Graham family. We also lift up the family and friends of Frank Graham in our prayers.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life and legacy this humble servant.

As I close today, I ask all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military, for our veterans, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.