We agree that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other types of violent behavior should have protections under the law from their abusers and stalkers. Many states have enacted measures to codify limitations on firearm possession following judicial action as it relates to domestic violence and stalking, oftentimes called red flag provisions. Let me be clear, I support such red flag provisions when the accused has the protections of due process and judicial action. But this is an effort that is best handled at the state, not federal, level.

Congress must address violence against women and girls. Restricting constitutional due process and Second Amendment protections, however, is not the right way to legislate.

While I plan to vote for the underlying bill before us today, I must reiterate my strong opposition to these provisions. It is my hope that the House majority's partisan provisions—including the firearm possession provisions and other sections that may compromise the safety of women's prisons and shelters—will eventually be removed during conference committee with the Senate and I can cast my vote for a final version that protects women and girls and maintains protections for our Fourth and Second Amendment rights.

HONORING JOE BRAMAN

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Joe Braman, a Refugio rancher, for his impressive accomplishments and dedication to the preservation of law and order.

Joe Braman, the great-great-great grandson of Thomas O'Connor, an Irish farmer who moved to Refugio, Texas, in 1836, has received international recognition for his commitment to protecting endangered animals from poachers, as well as aiding law enforcement officers in protecting our border.

In 2018, Mr. Braman worked to assist South African National Parks with the protection of black and white rhinos. Because of the keratin in their horns, poachers had been hunting these South African rhinos to the verge of extinction.

Mr. Braman spent more than a year and a half training dogs to track the poachers and donated 20 free-running pack dogs to the Southern African Wildlife College. The trained dogs could track human scent several hours old and take down hunters more than 20 miles away.

Thanks to meticulous training, Mr. Braman's dogs successfully assisted with 27 arrests and the recovery of 10 rifles in Kruger National Park, leading South African National Parks to recognize Mr. Braman's substantial contribution to their efforts. Mr. Braman received two letters of commendation, one from the Section Rangers at Kruger National Park, and the other from South African National Parks and Southern African Wildlife College.

Mr. Braman's dogs have proved immensely valuable in Texas as well. His dogs often locate individuals with Alzheimer's and Dementia who have become lost.

They have also successfully assisted local law enforcement in manhunts and border security. This past year, two of his dogs tracked a group of illegal immigrants after the group scattered into the brush. When the available technology tools failed to get the job done, Mr. Braman's dogs led law enforcement to the immigrants, at least one of whom admitted to being a gang member. The results speak for themselves. Mr. Braman and his dogs have a 98 percent success rate with locating and capturing targets, demonstrating their potential usefulness in future border security efforts.

Joe Braman's unique and incredible ability to train dogs has made a positive difference not just in Texas but around the world, and I would like to extend to him my thanks and appreciation for his excellent work and devotion to justice.

JERRY MARKS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jerry Marks for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year Award.

An Arvada native, Jerry Marks has served his community as a volunteer firefighter and board member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, Arvada Vitality Alliance, Arvada Economic Development Association, and Arvada City Council.

The involvement and generosity demonstrated by Jerry Marks is exemplary of the type of positive impact that can be made on the Arvada community. He has donated his time, treasure, and talent and has consistently supported local organizations including Community Table, The Arvada Colts, and many more.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jerry Marks for this well-deserved recognition by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce and appreciate his ongoing contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL T. LYDON

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Daniel Thomas Lydon, on the occasion of his passing on Monday, March 18, 2019.

The son of two Irish immigrants, Daniel was born in Oakland, California on October 30, 1941. His roots grew deep in our community through his schooling in Oakland and Berkeley as well as his work at the Oakland Tribune, all occurring before he joined the Fremont Fire Department in March 1963.

Almost immediately Daniel sought to make a difference for his fellow firefighters. He played an instrumental role in organizing his department's personnel to establish their labor union, Fremont Firefighters Local 1689. Once formed, Daniel rose to serve as the organization's first president.

Throughout the course of his career with the Fremont Fire Department, Daniel held the rank of firefighter, inspector, lieutenant, captain, and battalion chief before being trusted to lead the entire department as fire chief, where he served until his well-deserved retirement in 2002.

Under his leadership, the Fremont Fire Department grew to meet the needs of a large, modern, and rapidly developing city. Chief Lydon began to incorporate licensed paramedics among the fire department staff. This enabled them to begin to provide life-saving treatment of patients if they were the first to the scene of an emergency. Daniel expanded the size of the department, in the most literal sense, by adding four new stations to serve the community. Additionally, he helped ensure the safety of his personnel by assisting with key bond measures, ensuring funds were dedicated to retrofitting outdated infrastructure.

Chief Lydon's public service did not end with his retirement from the fire department. He continued to help his community grow by serving as a planning commissioner for the City of Fremont. His legacy continues as the projects he helped shape go on under construction to meet the needs of our community.

Chief Lydon passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia, as well as his children, Bridget, Daniel, Kevin, Margaret, and Michael. His legacy will live on through them, his five grandchildren, and the everlasting impact he made on our community.

RECOGNIZING THE CAPE GIRARDEAU ROTARY CLUB'S 100TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Cape Girardeau Rotary Club as they celebrate their 100th year of service to the Cape Girardeau, Missouri community.

The Cape Girardeau Rotary Club was organized on January 28, 1919 and received its charter on March 1, 1919. For 100 years, the Rotary club has promoted Cape Girardeau's history, culture, and quality of life in countless ways, including its efforts to establish Cape Rock Park, its city beautification drives, and its historical marker projects.

The Rotary Club has devoted itself to the youth of the community through its unflagging support of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys State, Girls State, the Crippled Children's Society, the Civic Center, and numerous other youth organizations. For the last 60 years, the Rotary Club has held the Academic Excellence Banquet which honors high school seniors in the top ten percent of their academic class.

The Rotary Club has expanded its reach in the region through the establishment of the Jackson Rotary Club and Cape Girardeau Rotary Club-West. They have supported the mission of Rotary International through hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions to the Rotary Foundation. They have also aided the mission of Rotary International through participation in dozens of foreign exchange programs as well as medical, dental, and other humanitarian relief missions.

The Rotary Club has been an incredible force for good in Cape Girardeau. They undoubtedly foster the Rotary ideal of ''Service