

stands for equality, equity, and diversity, then equal rights must apply to and be protected for all Americans.

No American should be discriminated against because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Yet, despite the historic accomplishments toward equality over the past decade, LGBTQ Americans still face systemic discrimination.

We know the fight for equality is always on the right side of history, and today's passage of the Equality Act is a much-needed step forward in that fight.

Today's vote allows us to see the moral arc of the universe, as Martin Luther King, Jr., said, bend toward justice.

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#### TRIBUTE TO TOMMY TICE

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Arkansas' most successful football coaches, Tommy Tice of Huntsville, Arkansas, who retires this month after 42 years in coaching and athletic administration.

Coach Tice coached more football games as a head coach than anyone in Arkansas history: 454 games. He had a combined record of 288 wins, 160 losses, and 6 ties, an overall winning percentage of 63 percent.

He was selected head coach of the Arkansas All-Star football game six times. He had a State championship, 13 conference titles, and 19 playoff appearances.

An Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame inductee in 2016, Coach Tice has been a teacher and mentor to dozens of coaches throughout the State of Arkansas.

He is one of my best friends, and I can't think of anyone more impactful on student-athletes than Coach Tommy Tice. I congratulate him on a remarkable career, and I wish him well in his retirement.

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#### HONORING NEVADA ASSEMBLYMAN TYRONE THOMPSON

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Nevada Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, who recently passed.

Tyrone's passion for service and community was reinforced by action. He was constantly on the front lines advocating for children in family court as a CASA advocate. Through his life-coaching and mentoring efforts, he spearheaded the annual Clark County Summer Business Institute, providing summer college and career exploration for high school students.

When Tyrone had the opportunity to be appointed and then elected to the Nevada Assembly in District 17, he made it his mission to propose new ideas to move Nevada forward and

bring an experienced and pragmatic voice to the challenges our State faces. He became a leader and champion for increased funding, for more equitable education for all students, and for making our schools and communities safe from gun violence.

Tyrone was always present, leading the way to make the North Las Vegas community and the people in it stronger, whether it was working tirelessly to improve education, addressing racial equity and inclusion, volunteering with Camp Anytown, supporting Project Homeless Connect and Family Connect, or launching the My Brother's Keeper initiative.

At the age of 52, he still had so much more to offer to his community, in public service, and most importantly, to his family.

I am proud of the work my dear friend accomplished, and I am honored to ensure that his legacy is permanently enshrined in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

May he rest in peace.

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#### COMMEMORATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, this week, communities across the country honored law enforcement officers in recognition of National Police Week.

Police officers put their lives on the line every day to protect our loved ones and neighbors. These brave men and women experience daily trauma and injury. In fact, the stress endured by our police officers contributes to a suicide rate that is 50 percent higher than the national average.

That is why I introduced the STOIC Act with my Democratic colleague from Pennsylvania, MADELEINE DEAN. This is a bipartisan bill to better address the mental health needs of our law enforcement officers.

I think that Republicans and Democrats should all be able to get together to fight against suicide and for the worthy cause of suicide prevention. Just yesterday, the Senate passed their version of STOIC with unanimous consent.

I want us to work together to unite our country, and I hope we can vote on this legislation that has strong bipartisan support. I hope that my colleagues from across the aisle will work with us to address the mental health needs of our Nation's law enforcement.

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#### COMMIT TO REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

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

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the women of this country, for their health and for their rights.

In this Congress, in this House, we have worked to ensure women's access to healthcare, to protect women and men with preexisting conditions, to lower the cost of prescription drugs, and to make healthcare more affordable and accessible. But in State houses across the country, women's access to their most basic healthcare is under attack. And it is not just their healthcare that is under attack; it is their equality.

The law passed in the Alabama State House this week is the most extreme and dangerous since Roe v. Wade, banning abortion at any point in pregnancy and threatening doctors with life in prison.

It is not just this Alabama law; it is laws in Georgia, Mississippi, and my home State of Texas, and the efforts of the current administration that result in a dramatic reduction in women's access to reproductive healthcare and basic family planning services and a denial of their reproductive rights.

Doctors and public health leaders agree that the cost of these laws will be women's lives. We cannot let that happen.

As we work to protect our care, we must support the women of this country and their right to safe, affordable, nonjudgmental reproductive healthcare. We must commit to reproductive justice.

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#### HONORING MISSISSIPPI'S FALLEN OFFICERS

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the 38th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service honored the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice upholding the rule of law and protecting the people of our great Nation.

Last year, Mississippi lost five officers in the line of duty. I would like to honor them as we remember their service and sacrifice.

Please join me in honoring Police Officer Emmett Paul Morris, Corporal Walter Zachery Moak, Patrolman James Kevin White, Patrol Officer LeAnn Simpson, and Police Officer Robert McKeithen.

President Ronald Reagan once said there can be no more noble vocation than the protection of one's fellow citizens.

May we remember these brave officers, their sacrifice to protecting our communities, and the sacrifice they made for the people who call Mississippi home.

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#### URGING THE SENATE TO PASS THE EQUALITY ACT

(Ms. DELBENE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to join my colleagues in passing the Equality Act, which ensures