

this worthy cause, such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Ida B. Wells.

We all have different perspectives, and by engaging with each other, we can develop the best policies to benefit all Americans and all freedom-loving people around the world.

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REMEMBERING MAMA LILA CABBIL

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, community members came together to celebrate the life of Lila Cabbil, affectionately known as Mama Lila, or Ms. Cabbil, a dedicated and well-known activist and a member of our community.

With genuine respect for her legacy, we join with the community in celebrating Ms. Cabbil, remembering the impact she continues to have on so many people and hold her tight to her family. She will be sincerely missed and long remembered. Mama Lila lived to serve and advocate for a better quality of life for her community.

Born in North Carolina and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Mama Lila possessed a strong sense of justice and willingness to stand against injustices. She became involved with the civil rights movement and was a close friend of Rosa Parks.

Mama Lila soon became a prominent leader in the movement, becoming the president of the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. She has been a tireless advocate for economic and social justice, as well as for food and water justice in the city of Detroit.

In addition, Mama Lila has served as an educator for younger generations, advocating for greater social awareness and sensitivity. She facilitated dialogue across cultures and built relationships in order to address systematic oppression and combat racism.

We offer our words of praise as a memorial for Mama Lila. May her family find comfort in their faith and their memories of this fine person and her distinguished life.

CONDEMNING ATTACK ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to address the latest action my colleagues from across the aisle have taken to blow up what was a perfectly good piece of legislation for the sake of scoring political points.

The SECURE Act was a great piece of legislation that would have allowed

Americans to expand the benefits of 529 education savings plans.

It would have also allowed students with disabilities to be able to use their 529 savings accounts to pay for critical therapy options outside of the traditional classroom. But Democrats struck this commonsense provision down before bringing the bill to the floor today.

How can my colleagues across the aisle justify limiting the resources that children with disabilities have at their disposal to grow and to thrive?

As a father of a child with disabilities, I know how difficult it is to allow disabled children to receive the services that they deserve and that they need. Having flexible payment mechanisms to enhance these opportunities to access therapies opens doors that are otherwise closed.

Mr. Speaker, I condemn my colleagues across the aisle for their attack on children with disabilities.

COMMEMORATING 19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL

(Mr. HECK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, it was, indeed, 100 years ago in this very room that the House of Representatives passed the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

The vote was here, but the work was out there, because the fact is the victory was due in no small part to the countless trailblazers who championed women suffrage throughout the decades.

Many of those trailblazers called home that which I call home: the Pacific Northwest. That included activists like Emma Smith DeVoe of Tacoma and Mary Arkwright Hutton of Spokane. It was because of their efforts that Washington State became the fifth State in the Union to enact women suffrage in 1910. These efforts built the momentum to pass and ratify the 19th Amendment nearly a decade later.

But the point is, as we celebrate this anniversary, let us not allow the progress we have made beget complacency; because the long, hard-fought battle for equality and representation spans generations and continues to this very day.

Let's continue to affirm those principles as we recognize and commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MIGUEL LORENZO HOLMES

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of

Mr. Miguel Lorenzo Holmes, who passed away at the age of 22 on May 6 while serving his country in Afghanistan.

The First Congressional District of Georgia was home for Mr. Holmes, but he was also stationed there as part of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Savannah.

He was raised in Hinesville, in the First District, close to his grandparents, where he attended Bradwell High School. There, he entered the Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy, which inspired him to join the National Guard.

He passed away after being wounded in Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. This is a sobering reminder of the danger that soldiers face while working to make our country and world a better place to live.

I thank all who serve.

Mr. Holmes' family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

BENEFITS FOR ALL SERVICEMEMBERS

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of thousands of American heroes who may be unjustly denied the opportunity to serve the country they love.

Last month, the administration's discriminatory ban on transgender military service took effect, telling 15,000 Active-Duty servicemembers they don't belong in uniform. That is completely unacceptable.

And now these brave patriots are worried not just about the loss of a career that they love, but also about the loss of healthcare benefits they have earned through years of service and sacrifice.

That is why, yesterday, I was proud to introduce the SERVE Act. My legislation will enshrine into law a simple pledge to every veteran that they will receive the benefits they deserve no matter how they identify or whom they love.

Americans willing to lay down their lives for our country are entitled to honor and dignity. That is a basic promise we make to everyone who puts on the uniform, and we can never go back on that promise.

CONGRATULATING BLOOMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 87

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bloomington Public School District 87, in Bloomington, Illinois, on being named the 2019 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District and receiving a District Sustainability Award.

Bloomington Public School District 87 is one of only 14 schools across the country to receive this award, which recognizes schools and districts for their innovative efforts to provide a healthy, safe, sustainable, and efficient learning environment.

This past February, I had the opportunity to speak with Bloomington Junior High School students and faculty, which is reflected in this poster, to see firsthand the innovative work District 87 schools are doing to facilitate more resource-efficient schools.

Bloomington Public School District 87 continues to lead the way in Illinois. Their resource-efficient practices let teachers and administrators dedicate more resources to student instruction rather than operational costs.

Students deserve the opportunity to achieve their full potential in the classroom, and Bloomington Public School District 87 continues to give McLean County students that opportunity. I am grateful for their continued leadership and want to, once again, congratulate them on this prestigious honor.

SECURING RESTROOMS IN REFUGEE CAMPS

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

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in gratitude that my bill, H.R. 615, the Refugee Sanitation Facility Safety Act, unanimously passed the House. I thank my colleagues for their support.

I am especially grateful to Chairman ENGEL and Ranking Member MCCAUL for their leadership and support of this critical bill to ensure the protection of women and girls.

While refugee camps are intended to serve as a temporary refuge from war, refugees often find that they have been followed by the very violence rise and insecurity that caused them to flee their home countries in the first place. Women and girls, in particular, face high levels of sexual assaults, and the infrastructure of camps fail to protect against these already-vulnerable populations.

Refugee camps around the world don't provide safe and secure access to sanitary facilities, and those that exist are often mixed sex, public, and without locks or well-lit paths.

Many women and girls so fear using the bathroom at night that they develop urinary tract infections, are forced to relieve themselves in their tents, or are unable to change their clothes for weeks.

Refugee camps have failed to provide commonsense solutions to protect refugees from sexual assault in sanitation facilities. This legislation aims to fix that by requiring U.S. refugee funding to prioritize securing restrooms in refugee camps.

I now urge the Senate to take up this commonsense, but critical legislation.

HONORING THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ON MEMO- RIAL DAY

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, our Nation has been built on democratic ideas. Over the course of our Nation's history, these principles have been threatened by forces that do not share our ideas of democracy. Due to the heroic efforts of the men and women of our military, our Nation has stood against these threats.

Memorial Day is the time to honor these men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country and the blessings of liberty that we enjoy today. This Memorial Day, I hope that all will join me in remembering the soldiers who laid down their lives for this Nation and to celebrate the rights, liberties, and institutions that they preserved.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CODE TALKER FLEMING BEGAYE, SR.

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a selfless hero and warrior, Mr. Fleming Begaye, Sr., a Navajo code talker. He served our Nation during World War II and passed away last week in Chinle, Arizona.

He served with his fellow marines from 1943 to 1945 in the Battle of Tarawa and the Battle of Tinian, some of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific theater. He was wounded serving our Nation.

Mr. Begaye returned home and became a businessman and farmer in Chinle, where he raised his family.

We must never forget the service of these brave code talkers. They sacrificed so much for our Nation.

My prayers are with Mr. Begaye's family, and I know he has been reunited with his sweetheart, Helen.

CONDEMNING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

(Mr. PERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H. Res. 106, which condemns female genital mutilation, or cutting, as a violation of the human rights of women and girls and calls for a coordinated response from the United States Government and the international community to end this horrific and abhorrent practice.

I am proud of the bipartisan effort that has gone into this resolution, and I want to thank Representative LOIS FRANKEL from Florida for coleading this resolution with me, which gives us the opportunity to bring renewed at-

tention to the harm that FGM causes innocent girls and highlights the actions needed to eliminate this unspeakable act.

As the House considers this resolution, there are over 200 million women and girls alive today who have been affected by FGM. This year alone, an estimated 3 million girls are at risk of being mutilated. This despicable practice simply must end.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this effort to condemn and end FGM in the United States and across the globe. There is much more work that must be done to combat FGM, and I hope that we continue this bipartisan work.

CRIMES AGAINST UIGHUR POPULATION

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the horrifying crimes against humanity that China is currently committing against the Uighur population.

About a million Uighur Muslims have been detained in so-called reeducation camps in China. Reports from the camps are scarce, but they indicate that physical and psychological torture is taking place.

These are the precursors to genocide. We have the power to act.

According to reports in *The Atlantic*, 22 Uighur Muslims with no known anti-American sentiments were detained at Guantanamo in late 2001 and kept there for 12 years at the urging of the Chinese Government.

There are also known cases of Uighurs on the suspected terrorist watch list in the United States, and it is entirely possible they were added, unfairly, by the Chinese Government.

Reporting in *The Wall Street Journal* indicates that U.S. companies, including Coca-Cola, the Gap, and Kraft Heinz, are materially benefiting from the Uighur detention, and this must be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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REMEMBERING VALERIE HORTENSTINE SHELDON

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Valerie Hortenstine Sheldon, a beloved community police officer who tragically passed away at the age of 39 in a traffic accident last week.

Valerie was the chief of police in Raymond, Illinois, a small, tight-knit community just a few miles from my hometown of Taylorville. She served as a law enforcement officer in three neighboring communities before coming to Raymond in 2007. She was named