

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