

in the first wave, it was his first time in combat. Armed with only his medical supplies, Mr. Shay charged Omaha Beach dozens of times, pulling struggling soldiers from the sea, bandaging wounds, making splints out of pieces of wood, or comforting soldiers through their final moments.

Mr. Shay makes a pilgrimage back to Normandy every year to remember his fellow soldiers, and at 94 years old, Mr. Shay is returning for the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Mr. Shay is a hero to all Mainers, the Penobscot Nation, and all Americans. Our country is indebted to him.

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A TRAITOR TO LIBERTY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, what defines a traitor to America's liberty?

The Justice Department defines a traitor as a person, who owing allegiance to the United States, adheres to their enemies.

President Trump's 2016 campaign manager, Paul Manafort, fits that definition: a traitor.

Manafort proudly sought out multimillions of dollars from the enemies of liberty to promote the pro-Russian anti-democratic ruler of Ukraine—President Viktor Yanukovich.

Yanukovich took his direct orders from Russian dictator Vladimir Putin who personally directed Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election.

When Ukrainian people rose up to take back their nation, Yanukovich, after killing his own countrymen, fled back to his master in Russia to hide out, looting countless millions that he stole from the Ukrainian people.

The real question for America is how could a U.S. citizen sell out liberty for dirty money from such dictators for whom liberty means nothing.

Mr. Manafort, Trump's campaign manager, is no stranger to criminal enterprise.

Just weeks ago, news broke out that Manafort got millions upon millions of dollars, auctioning off high-level Trump administration positions to a Chicago banker named Stephen Calk.

Madam Speaker, it is a fair question to ask: At what exact point in his sordid career did Manafort become a traitor to liberty? And, more importantly, who else is riding his traitorous coat-tails?

HONORING WILLIAM BRODISH AND HERBERT TERNER ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, this week, we will commemorate the

75th anniversary of D-Day, and I rise to honor two of our New Jersey residents who participated in Operation Overlord.

William Brodish worked at Picatinny Arsenal for 3 years. He joined the Army and was assigned to the 27th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad.

On the morning of June 6, Private Brodish landed on Omaha Beach and got to work removing projectiles and rockets from the shoreline. He was only 22-years-old when he died on the beach as a German artillery projectile exploded over his position.

Herbert Turner enlisted in the Army in 1942, and on D-Day, he parachuted into Normandy with the 101st Airborne.

As a radio specialist, he alerted troops of landing positions, and he continued to fight after D-Day in the Battle of the Bulge, and, eventually, helped to liberate prisoners from the concentration camps.

I had the great honor of meeting Herb, now 98 years old and a resident of Montville, over Memorial Day weekend.

Tonight, I honor William, Herbert, and all the New Jersey residents who put their lives on the line to defend democracy and free Europe from the grasp of the Nazis and totalitarianism.

JOANNE REAGAN DANCE STUDIOS

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Joanne Reagan of Joanne Reagan Dance Studios in Cold Spring, New Jersey, celebrated her 50th year teaching dance over the weekend. She started training at only 8 years of age.

Joanne Reagan Dance Studios is founded on belief in the philosophy and mission to build character, discipline, and responsibility through the creative and performing arts.

They aim to give students the ammunition and the armor they need to pursue a professional career, if they desire to do so, or in whatever endeavor they choose to pursue in their lives.

Students are encouraged to aspire towards their own personal goals in a manner which celebrates the individual and promotes self-esteem, and it also promotes a positive body image.

I celebrate Joanne Reagan's service to our community and commend her for passing on these invaluable life skills to southern New Jersey's youth.

Madam Speaker, we are really lucky to have her.

HONORING THE SELFLESS HEROES OF THE OKLAHOMA STORMS

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous con-

sent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, the last 2 weeks have been brutal for much of America. Storms, tornadoes, and floodwaters have attacked our homes and our people.

I spent last week across the First District of Oklahoma, watching the waters rise and the homes and livelihoods of my community be destroyed. It was heart-wrenching.

Every day, I saw more families forced to evacuate, more homes take on water, more sinkholes open up, and roadways disappear under the flood. This disaster has reached every corner of my district and has permanently affected countless families.

For some, a lifetime of building a home was washed away in a matter of days. There are priceless photos that will never be recovered, neighborhoods that will never be the same, families who have lost everything.

We may have caught the attention of the Nation for a few days while tornadoes tore up our country and storms battered our homes, but now the water subsides, and the cameras turn off, but the damage remains. Our communities will be forever changed.

In times of war, there is an enemy. There is a target for our retribution. When foreign armies attacked Pearl Harbor, we had a swift response. There was somewhere to go, someone to fight.

When your people are attacked by nature, when it is flood waters destroying your home instead of armies, where do you turn?

In times of disaster, it is easy to shake your fist at God. It is natural to be angry and to turn that anger on the only being you think you can blame.

Instead, what I have seen in my community this week is faith, generosity, and the genuine love and care for our fellow man.

It is these moments of devastation when true character shines through. This is when heroes are made.

When everyone is running away from a problem or dangerous situation, who runs toward it?

Tonight, we are here to honor the selfless heroes of the storms, the men and women of our communities who showed true leadership and courage these last few weeks to keep our people safe and protect our families.

I am proud of Oklahomans and how they came together. I am humbled to have personally heard their stories.

Along with my colleagues, we will shine a light on the brave people whose sacrifices will forever have an impact on our districts.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA).

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for holding this Special Order tonight to honor all these individuals that did so much.

A lot of people probably watched last week on the evening news and during the day the tornadoes that struck Ohio. And one, in particular, struck my district in Mercer County in the city of Celina. And a lot of folks, when I was over there, said they didn't have very much time to react and seek shelter because of how fast the storms came on.

But I think it is really important to thank these individuals that responded immediately to what happened.

These are our first responders, our police, our fire, our emergency management, our emergency services out there. They are the ones that got out there to help, and they were on the front lines, right when it struck in the evening, and they worked all night long, all the next morning, and straight through.

I was there a day and a half after the tornadoes struck, and it is amazing to see how the community came together. But, again, at the same time, it was the individuals on the ground that made sure it happened.

So, again, I just really thank all of those individuals, and also our elected officials, for all that they did, and the countless hours that they spent making sure that the citizens of their city of Celina and their county of Mercer received the help that they needed.

I think it is also important, because of the resilience of the people that lived there—and out in the community, looking at all the destroyed homes, the damaged homes—but I think it is important, because one of the gentlemen I talked with really had his priorities.

When he was bringing out all the damage from his home, you know, he had told me when they built their house, and how long they had lived there. But he said, you know what, we got out with our lives.

And all the things that he said that they were hauling out of the house—and he just kind of pointed to it all, it was across the entire front—he said it was just stuff. And he had his priorities, because the families were safe, and they got out.

Unfortunately, we did have a fatality. A gentleman who was in his bed sleeping had a car lifted up from two doors down and it crashed and crushed him in his bed.

So, you know, it is when we have these tornadoes and we have these disasters across the country, I think it is important that we always remember to thank those who are on the front lines, day and night, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, making sure that we are safe and have that protection.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for having the Special Order this evening, for having the ability to thank those who needed to be thanked again and again and again for all that they do for us.

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio.

Madam Speaker, anyone can run for office. Anyone can have a title, but it takes true leadership and true selflessness to stand up in the heart of a disaster and lead your community.

Oklahomans are blessed to have incredible leaders at every level of government.

Local officials in all of my districts, cities, and counties worked sleepless nights, through torrential rains, and devastating tornadoes to keep our people safe and informed.

Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum has been an around-the-clock warrior for his city. Truly, I don't think he slept in the last 2 weeks. Along with Tulsa's city councilors, Phil Lakin, Kara Joy McKee, Vanessa Hall-Harper, and TAEMA Director Joe Kralicek, they have had a constant presence with our people, helping where they can, but most importantly, keeping the Tulsa community informed of where the water was headed, when to evacuate, and where to go.

Tulsa County Sheriff Vic Regalado, Undersheriff George Brown, and Commissioners Stan Sallee, Karen Keith, and Ron Peters have been vigilant in monitoring the movement of the flood waters and have had an active presence in the hardest hit areas of the city.

Wagoner Mayor Albert Jones, Coweta Police Chief Mike Bell, City Manager Roger Kolman, Mayor Evette Morris, EMS Director Heath Underwood, and Sheriff Chris Elliott have likewise been a constant source of strength for Wagoner County.

Sand Springs was especially hard hit this past week, and Mayor Jim Spoon has shown true leadership for his community.

Vice Mayor Patty Dixon, Councilors Phil Nollan, Mike Burdge, Christine Hammer, Beau Wilson, Brian Jackson, and Police Chief Mike Carter have proven to be an asset to their town and their people throughout this disaster.

In Bixby, Mayor Brian Guthrie, City Manager Jared Cottle, Vice Mayor John Easton, Councilors Paul Blair, Brad Girard, and Robin Decatur have gone above and beyond to protect their people.

Jenks Police Chief Cameron Arthur, City Manager Christopher Shrout, Mayor Robert Lee, Vice Mayor Kaye Lynn, and Councilors Gary Isbell, Craig Murray, Dr. Josh Wedmen, Donna Ogez, and Cory Box.

Bartlesville Mayor Dale Copeland, Vice Mayor Alan Gentges, Councilors Paul Stuart, Jim Curd, Jr., Trevor Dorsey, and Police Chief Tracy Roles.

Washington County Commissioners Mitch Antle, Mike Bouvier, and Mike Dunlap, Emergency Management Director Kary Cox, and Sheriff Scott Owen.

Collinsville Mayor Bud York. Skiatook Fire Chief Jim Annas, City Manager Dan Yancey, Mayor Roger Upton, and Vice Mayor Herb Forbes.

Owasso Mayor Dr. Chris Kelley, City Manager Warren Lehr, and Police Chief Scott Chambless.

Catoosa City Manager John Blish and Mayor Brenda Conley.

Okay Mayor Brad Matthews, and Johnny Walker.

All of these local leaders have been a godsend to their communities during one of Oklahoma's worst widespread natural disasters in memory.

Thanks to all of these incredible people that have shown leadership during our time of crisis. Your service does not go unnoticed.

During this storm, members of the community decided to stand up and lead, not because they worked for local government, not because they were a first responder, but because they knew there was a need for leadership in their neighborhood.

Today, I would like to tell the story of one of those men.

Jeremy Herrington is from the Town and Country neighborhood of Sand Springs—one of the communities hardest hit by the floodwaters.

After doing his own study of the floodplain maps, Jeremy realized the danger to his neighborhood long before the Army Corps of Engineers or local officials. He took to social media to warn his neighbors to evacuate, and many of them did.

Through the Town and Country Facebook page that Jeremy manages, his neighborhood has been transformed into a loving community working together to overcome the disaster.

Instead of turning on each other, Jeremy's neighbors have come together to share with each other, support each other, cry together, and give advice on how to recover from the floods.

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Most of the Facebook group have never met in real life, but the community Jeremy helped create online has bound them together like a family. Now that the Town and Country neighborhood is returning home, they are mourning together and beginning their recovery process together.

Without the attentive work of Jeremy, his community wouldn't have been notified of the danger in time. I am thankful for Jeremy's work to keep his neighbors informed. I am sure his community is grateful for his dedication as well.

The most important thing we can do to prepare for disaster is to communicate. In that regard, Oklahoma's First Congressional District was in the most capable hands. The meteorologists and storm chasers in our media market have been working around the clock to keep people informed of the weather, telling them where to go and what to do in case of disaster.

Some of the hardworking team includes: Mike Collier, Brandon Wholey, Kirsten Lang, Clint Boone, Dan Threlkeld, Chris Nestman, Caroline Brown, Katy Kramer, James Aydelott, Michael Seger, Laura Mock, Brad Carl,

Megan McClellan, Stacia Knight, Michael Grogan, Alan Crone, Stephen Nehrenz, and of course, Travis Meyer.

Without the thorough preparedness of these teams, the Tulsa area would have faced unimaginable devastation. When the skies are clear and it is smooth sailing, it is easy to overlook the work that these people put in day and night. But after the past 2 weeks, it is undeniable the essential role they have in our community.

My deepest thanks to our hard-working meteorologists and brave storm-chasing teams that have kept us informed and safe. The work is not over. The floodwaters have not disappeared yet, and they are all still working hard to keep our community informed.

We had the worst floods in history and lost no lives, which is a testament to their communication.

Our law enforcement officers, like many in our community, have worked tirelessly to protect our people through the storms. Some, like Captain Jason Morrison and Sheriff Corporal Mike Heisten, are volunteering their time on dive teams to rescue missing persons and people stranded in the floods.

Dealing with the quick-moving, murky floodwaters is challenging, to say the least. It is a scary task, but these men answered the call to action because they knew their community needed them.

In a flood situation as dire as we had in Oklahoma last week, whole towns were being evacuated. Entire cities were underwater. There were places completely shut off from the rest of the State because all the surrounding roads were underwater.

In this kind of danger, who goes back for those left behind? Who goes in to find the victims of the storms? Captain Morrison and Sheriff Corporal Heisten did.

We can never fully comprehend the danger that these disasters bring to our homes until they are here. Captain Morrison and Sheriff Corporal Heisten did not hesitate to step into the path of danger to keep their community safe, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

The devastation of these floods extends well beyond the homes and lives of the people of Oklahoma's First Congressional District. Countless businesses took on disastrous amounts of water over the last few weeks. Many businesses had to shutter completely, and many will need extensive repairs before they can reopen.

The River Spirit Casino Resort along the Arkansas River is one of those businesses. The resort has become a key destination in Tulsa, and it was forced to shut down during one of the most profitable travel holidays of the year, Memorial Day weekend.

Instead of leaving hundreds of employees out to dry, River Spirit continued to pay these employees during the flood and will continue to pay these employees until the resort is able to open and resume operations, well into July.

Likewise, HollyFrontier Tulsa Refinery, located on the Arkansas River, has chosen to continue paying employees for the duration of their building's closure. HollyFrontier is even helping displaced employees pay for hotel rooms.

These companies are going above and beyond to help their employees during a time of crisis, and it deserves recognition.

I would be remiss to speak tonight on all local heroes of the last few weeks and not talk about a woman who has worked tirelessly to keep Tulsa County safe. County Commissioner Karen Keith has been a perennial source of strength not only for the people impacted by the floods but also for the local leaders and responders who have been working to combat the flooding as well.

Commissioner Keith is not one to stay safe inside the emergency operations room and direct from inside. She has been out on boats in the floodwaters in the most devastated parts of town every day. She has been out in the community, rain or shine, working across party lines to make sure everyone was safe and accounted for.

She has been helping business owners deal with the aftermath of flooded storefronts and helping families navigate disaster aid and evacuation protocols.

When water released from the dam was increasing and posing a further threat to Tulsa County, she made sure people in the impacted areas were evacuated and cared for.

Disasters like this make or break a person as a leader, and Commissioner Keith has proven her ironclad dedication to the people of Tulsa County. Even now, as the floodwaters begin to subside, Commissioner Keith is still working at all hours to help those who have been forever affected by these storms.

I am so thankful for Commissioner Keith and the work she has done to keep Tulsa County safe these last few weeks.

Wagoner County is the largest county in the First Congressional District. There was a lot of ground to cover there and a lot of coordination needed for emergency response during the last 2 weeks.

Heath Underwood, the Wagoner County director of emergency management, was the man to coordinate it all. When floodwaters came for his community, he kept all the moving pieces of disaster relief functioning and running smoothly.

It has been a never-ending cycle of rainfall, water release at the dam, and extending floodwaters across Wagoner County, but Heath weathered it all. He coordinated rescue efforts for people stranded in their homes and on highways across the county. I am sure those who were stranded are thankful for his dedication.

Our local leaders have proven absolutely dependable and honorable throughout this entire disaster, and

Heath Underwood is right up there with the best of them.

There are so many people who have proven absolutely vital to our community throughout this time of disaster. I could not be more thankful for our leaders or proud of our people than I am after experiencing the trauma of the last 2 weeks in my district.

In times of disaster, true colors will show. While these tornadoes, storms, and floods could have brought out the worst in Oklahoma, it brought out the very best and bound us together as a community. The friendships forged in the fire of absolute devastation will outlast these floodwaters. They will be stronger than the damage to our homes.

Heroes were made in Oklahoma this week, and I am glad to have this chance to share their stories.

I thank my colleagues who joined me tonight. It means a lot that my colleagues would join me in shedding a light on the people who have been truly remarkable in our districts back home.

The message to take away from all of this is simple: Together, we are stronger. Together, we will get through this.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN) at 8 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6, AMERICAN DREAM AND PROMISE ACT OF 2019

Ms. SHALALA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-102) on the resolution (H. Res. 415) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. RASKIN, on Thursday, May 30, 2019, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1693.—An act to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.