

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.