

save others before comforting our community in the immediate aftermath of this tragedy.

As the hours and days go by, we hear tens, if not hundreds, of stories of the heroism of individuals who helped save lives during this tragic event, including the officer among the first responders who, in the performance of his duties, took a bullet to protect our community, and was, by the grace of God, saved by his protective vest.

I saw believable bravery in Sentara Hospital where Sunday, I had the honor of visiting a survivor of the shooting. She clasped my hand as I stood at her bedside, and her strength and resolve were palpable as she had only narrowly come away alive.

I saw love and hope at heartfelt vigils across our community where people of all faiths joined in prayer to remember those who left us all too soon.

I saw strength among our city leaders and police chief as they addressed our grieving community, determined to remember the 12 we lost far too soon.

SHOWCASE FOR COMMERCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last week I was honored to attend the Showcase for Commerce in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Cambria County.

For nearly 30 years, the annual Showcase for Commerce has highlighted the exceptional work happening in Cambria County.

Established by the late Congressman Jack Murtha, the event brings together Federal, State and local leaders, as well as major defense corporations and subcontractors and regional, national, and international business leaders.

With more than 100 exhibitors and more than 2,000 attendees, the Showcase for Commerce has grown into a nationally recognized business and industry trade show and defense contracting exhibition.

Cambria County has a skilled workforce that makes considerable contributions to our national security. We saw more than \$180 million in new defense contracts announced at this year's showcase. Because America can't merely remain competitive in a global economy, but we must lead the way with the most sophisticated technology.

As a Member of the House of Representatives and the father of an Active-Duty soldier and a Purple Heart wounded warrior, I am not interested in a fair fight. Our United States military members deserve our best, that includes the resources to be optimally safe, effective, and lethal.

There is no better means to a peaceful world or a deterrent to would-be dictators and terrorists than a well-equipped, robustly trained, and properly funded United States military.

Generations of workers in Cambria County and southwestern Pennsylvania have been dedicated to our national security through service overseas and service here at home.

They ensure that we send our servicemen and women into combat with the most advanced state-of-the-art equipment available.

Here in Washington, the Army's modernization efforts include a request of \$12.2 billion in research, development, tests, and evaluation funding, and \$21.8 billion in procurement, which will begin to address the Army's identified top six modernization priorities: Long-Range Precision Fires Missile, next-generation combat vehicles, Future Vertical Lift, tactical network, air-and-missile defense, and soldier lethality.

Now, I support this request because we need to be ready to answer the threats that are before us, whether they come from Iran, North Korea, Russia, or elsewhere, we must be able to counter and mitigate such threats swiftly and deliberately.

Career and technical education play a role in our readiness. Right now, there are more than 7 million job openings in the United States, and it is one of the greatest challenges we face—the skills gap.

Thanks to the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, we were able to completely overhaul the Perkins Act and invest the resources necessary to have a dominant and prosperous workforce.

We can secure the future, and help more Americans climb the rungs on the ladder of opportunity through career and technical education programs.

Mr. Speaker, the Showcase for Commerce puts Cambria County workforce on display. Those of us in Pennsylvania already knew this, and the showcase lets us share it with the rest of the Nation.

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION POLICY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. LURIA).

HONORING VIRGINIA BEACH SHOOTING VICTIMS

Mrs. LURIA. Mr. Speaker, I continue today in grieving for Virginia Beach and for those that we lost.

Those who knew the victims are making statements that we need to hear.

Bert Snelling's neighbor told a Virginian-Pilot reporter, "It's the world we live in now, and it's a shame."

A friend of Missy Langer's told The Washington Post, "This kind of stuff has got to stop." And another friend said, "She didn't deserve to die like that."

None of them did.

This is a moment where doing nothing is no longer an option. To prove

that point, all we have to do is look at the first responder who ran into the building and took a bullet to protect his fellow citizens. To him, it was never an option to not act.

If there is a lesson that we take out of this tragedy, all we have to do is look at him.

We must run into the building together.

We must act.

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, while the Trump administration is setting fire to our legal immigration system, separating families, and all but closing down our border, I am proud that today, here in the House of Representatives, Democrats are standing up and taking action to provide legal status and an earned path to citizenship for young people and families that already call this country home.

Dreamers and TPS holders are our neighbors, coworkers, and our friends. They are productive and contributing members of our society, raising families, serving in our military, and uplifting our communities.

Even though they collectively represent some of the strongest parts of this country, the Trump administration has forced them to live in constant uncertainty and fear that they or their loved ones will be deported.

But even so, they have had the courage to step out of the shadows and tell their stories and fight for the lives they have built for themselves and their families and for the futures they aspire to.

They have spoken up many times, putting themselves at risk to do so in hopes that they would drive us to act to uphold our American values and allow them to become, on paper, what they already are in their hearts: Americans.

The hundreds of thousands of Dreamers who came forward to register with the government as part of the DACA program trusted the government to live up to its end of the bargain.

Although the Trump administration has tried to break that promise, today we are taking action to make sure we keep our word.

We will not allow these aspiring Americans to become the next victim of Trump's brutal deportation force. This wasn't an easy process, and the fight isn't over. It takes immense courage to stand up to power at any time, but even more so, when your life—as you know it—is at great risk.

I have the utmost admiration and respect for Dreamers who have taken a stand and fought for the right to continue to live and work in the country they call home. I know they will continue to fight until this bill that we pass becomes law.

In the meantime, I—and my fellow Democrats—will continue to be right by their side.

RED LION FIRE COMPANY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from