

close friend, Rabbi Larry Sernovitz, whom we have just heard offer us a beautiful, wise prayer.

I first met Rabbi Sernovitz in Abington, in my home district, where he served Temple-Beth Am. When I was first elected to public office as a township commissioner, it was Larry, it was the rabbi, who offered a powerful benediction that evening on the importance of education, social justice, humility, and courage. Larry has been a close friend and counselor ever since.

Through Larry's rabbinical work, he has lifted his devotion to community, faith, and family. Larry lives the creed, "Love the stranger."

As a founder of Nafshenu in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, he seeks to create a community that places people and their hopes and their dreams first.

Most importantly, Larry is a dedicated husband to Rebecca and a loving, steady dad to Sam, Daniella, and Eden, who join him today.

It brings me great joy to welcome my good friend Rabbi Larry Sernovitz and thank him for his wise prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, June is Pride Month, marking 50 years since the uprising at the Stonewall in New York City to protest discrimination against LGBT Americans.

The month is marked by celebrations in communities all over the country. Last week, in western New York, we raised the pride flags in both Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

The House this year passed the historic Equality Act to extend the legal protections of Federal civil rights laws to LGBT Americans, prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and medical treatment.

Passing the Equality Act into law couldn't be more urgent. This administration has taken steps to roll back rules across Federal agencies, reversing years of progress and invoking fears in communities throughout this Nation.

As a member of the Equality Caucus, I am proud to recognize Pride Month. I am committed to fighting these discriminatory actions and will keep working toward full equality for each and every American.

HONORING JEREMY COLLIER

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today, I have Jeremy Collier with me as part of the National Foster Youth Institute Shadow Day.

Jeremy and his wife, Ashley, live in Cincinnati with their 2-year-old son, Payton. Jeremy recently completed his MBA studies at Western Governors University.

Life wasn't always easy for Jeremy. Jeremy aged out of the foster care system at age 18 when he was still in high school. Jeremy was virtually homeless, yet he graduated and went on to complete a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati. Jeremy majored in business with a concentration in finance.

Today, Jeremy works as a senior insurance auditor, focusing on risk-related audits. I thank Jeremy for being here today, sharing his story and helping so many children overcome similar obstacles.

Jeremy went through tough times and persevered. He came to Washington to share his experiences in the hope of strengthening the system for foster youth.

Madam Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate Jeremy on all that he has achieved in life. Madam Speaker, I am proud of Jeremy's success and wish him and his family the best moving forward.

CONGRESS MUST STAND FIRMLY BEHIND DREAMERS

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019.

This Nation was founded by immigrants who believed that if you work hard and play by the rules, you can achieve the American Dream.

When the Trump administration announced its heartless decision to rescind DACA protections, it turned its back on the core beliefs of our country and put over 800,000 young immigrants who know America as their only home in a state of fear.

Dreamers are hardworking and law-abiding Americans. They are our military servicemen and -women, our neighbors, and our children's classmates. They make our country a better place for all.

After years of tireless advocacy and living in distress, Dreamers and TPS recipients deserve clarity. I am proud to support H.R. 6, which will offer them an earned pathway to citizenship. Now more than ever, we must stand firmly behind our Dreamers and acknowledge their countless social, economic, and cultural contributions to the United States.

Please know that I will not stop fighting for all young immigrants and Dreamers. I urge my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 6 this week.

HONORING BEDFORD, VIRGINIA, SOLDIERS

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

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the sacrifice made by our brave men in uniform on the shores of France 75 years ago this week.

As the dawn hours rose on June 6, 1944, the choppy waters of the English Channel were filled with American and Allied soldiers. Thirty of those brave men were from the town of Bedford, Virginia, a small hamlet nestled in the southern part of my district. These boys, who competed for the honor of being the first to reach Omaha Beach, etched their hometown into history as one with the highest per capita loss of life.

By the end of that fateful day, when the sun had set on Omaha Beach, 19 Bedford soldiers were dead. Four more died in the Normandy campaign. Every one of them was a hero.

Seventy-five years have passed, and yet, their heroism stands the test of time.

ADDRESSING THE EPIDEMIC OF GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, I rise today because we must listen to our children. Our children are calling out for us to take action to address the epidemic of gun violence, which has spread to traditionally safe places like schools, concert halls, movie theaters, and places of worship.

Our children are growing up under the constant paranoia of gun violence. Try, if you can, to imagine the depth of their fear and anxiety. Nowhere is safe.

Last week, I visited seven schools in my district and spoke with students who fear for their safety and stress over our inability to take action on gun violence.

We are not even halfway through 2019, and there have already been 13 school shootings. Is there any mystery behind the student walkouts we experienced last year in response to gun violence?

I was proud to support H.R. 8, back in March, in order to achieve long-overdue universal background checks, a baseline measure to address gun violence.

Now the Senate must act. I implore my colleagues in the Senate to hear the young people of our country calling for change and to pass H.R. 8. The time is now.

TAKE ACTION ON GUN VIOLENCE NOW

(Mr. MORELLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, we mark the beginning of Gun Violence Awareness Month clouded in tragedy and heartbreak as our Nation yet again mourns the loss of innocent life and confronts another act of senseless gun violence.

As a Nation, we grieve with the Virginia Beach community. We must now ask ourselves how many more lives will be allowed to be lost before we finally say enough is enough? How many children, how many neighbors, how many colleagues and friends must we lose before we finally take action to make commonsense gun reform a reality?

“Run, hide, and fight” should no longer be a phrase our children must learn along with their ABCs. Each day that passes without universal background checks, without a ban on military-style assault weapons, without safe storage and red flag laws, we risk the loss of more innocent life.

This Gun Violence Awareness Month should serve as a wake-up call to all Americans. What are we waiting for? The time to act is now.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: ACT NOW TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, a time for extra reflection on the immeasurable cost of lives lost and destroyed in senseless shootings. And it is another chance to demand that Congress act to stop the bloodshed.

Once more, last Friday, a gunman attacked a local government building in Virginia Beach, killing 12 and wounding many more.

This was the 150th mass shooting in America since the start of the year, on the 151st day of the year. Let that sink in: 150 days, 151 mass shootings. Enough is enough.

But it is not just mass shootings. This past weekend, in Chicago alone, at least 52 people were shot, and eight people died. Enough is enough.

It is long past time for the Congress to take concrete action to reduce gun violence. As a House, we did that this year, passing H.R. 8, a bipartisan universal background check bill, but it has been more than 100 days since we sent that legislation to the Senate and, still, no vote.

How many more shootings, how many more lives lost, before Leader MCCONNELL ends the obstruction and allows a vote on this commonsense bill? Congress is not powerless. Congress has the ability to save lives. Let's act now.

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IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH MASS SHOOTING

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, Mr. LaQuita Brown, Ryan Keith Cox, Tara Welch Gallagher, Mary Louise Gayle, Alexander Mikhail Gusev, Joshua O. Hardy, Michelle “Missy” Langer, Richard H. Nettleton, Katherine A. Nixon, Christopher Kelly Rapp, Robert Williams, Herbert Snelling—these are the victims of Friday's mass shooting in Virginia Beach.

That phrase, “Friday's mass shooting,” should sound bizarre, but it doesn't. This year is averaging more than one mass shooting per day in our country.

How long would it take to read all of the victim's names?

How long would it take to process the grief, to wrap our hearts around the scale of this tragedy?

And how long will it take for our leaders to act?

This year, the House passed legislation to require universal background checks and to close the Charleston loophole, but these measures have gone to the graveyard of bills that the Senate has created.

Each of these reforms will save lives; none of them threatens our Second Amendment rights.

I will close with the words of John Donne: Do not ask “for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

EXTEND A WELCOME MAT TO THE DREAMERS

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

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of over 15,000 Dreamers and TPS holders who live in the heart of Las Vegas. They ask for nothing more than a shot at the American Dream.

They are teachers, nurses, entrepreneurs, and, more importantly, they are our neighbors, our friends, our colleagues.

These courageous individuals contribute so much to our communities where they have spent most of their lives and they call home. They have made the United States their own country and their own home.

Yet, over the last 2 years, the Trump administration has attacked Dreamers and TPS holders by rolling back immigration protections and tearing families apart.

That has got to stop.

By passing the American Dream and Promise Act, this House is going to be standing up to the hateful anti-immigration policies that have come to define the Trump administration.

The symbol of the United States must always remain the Statue of Lib-

erty. We should be putting out a welcoming mat, not building a wall.

PROTECTIONS FROM TERRORIST THREATS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today because not nearly enough is being done by our social media companies to take down terrorist content from their platforms.

It has been months now since the Christchurch massacre which was streamed on Facebook because its artificial intelligence, or IA, was not able to or capable of taking it down quickly enough. Now that video has been uploaded and re-uploaded hundreds of thousands of times.

In fact, instead of preventing terrorist content from spreading on their platform, as reported by the Associated Press, recently, Facebook has been making videos and promoting terrorist content on its own system.

For instance, an al-Qaida-linked terrorist group has an auto-generated Facebook that has nearly 4,500 likes. The case was profiled in the AP story and served as yet another glaring example of Facebook's inability to police itself.

But what is even more striking, is that before coming to speak on the House floor today, I checked, and this profile is still up there. This profile that the AP reported to Facebook is still up there. Facebook does not care right now about our own safety. They are putting their own profit before the safety or national security of this very country.

Madam Speaker, I push for aggressive action here. We need a strong public-private partnership, and Facebook has got to come to its senses today. It is so important.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 4, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 4, 2019, at 9:17 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1328.

Appointment:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.