

Walton and the efforts of the entire ministry team, staff and congregation, it will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Pastor Vernon C. Walton and the entire congregation of First Baptist Church of Vienna for their continued service to their faith and to the community. I commend them for their efforts and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them continued success in all their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING FRED G. ACOSTA  
JOB CORPS CENTER DAY IN THE  
CITY OF TUCSON

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center in Tucson, Arizona. Over these past forty years, thousands of young people have benefited from the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center's comprehensive residential, academic and career technical training program.

Each year, the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center serves hundreds of young adults by providing a career in technical education and a path to a high school diploma. Furthermore, the center provides social skills training and other services to empower young men and women to start a career, enroll in advanced training, enroll in college, or enter the Armed Forces. I am specifically grateful for the Center's accomplishments in breaking the cycle of poverty, strengthening local communities, improving the quality of life of thousands, and for its continued contributions in educating and training the youth of Arizona's 3rd District. For these reasons, I move that the United States House of Representatives celebrate the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center today, on Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center Day which is celebrated in July 10th.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
JAMES ROBINSON

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that we honor the memory of James Robinson, who fought heroically in the American Revolution. Like many African Americans who fought for American independence, Mr. Robinson's contributions went unrecognized for too long. We will right that injustice by recognizing his accomplishments and honoring his memory.

Mr. Robinson was born into slavery in Maryland in 1753. After the Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, he served in a light infantry regiment. James Robinson fought at the battles of Brandywine and Yorktown, during which he played a pivotal role in the overtaking of the British rampart. The battle of Yorktown ended with the British surrendering. Mr. Robinson was rewarded by French General Marquis de Lafayette with a Gold Medal of Valor.

Despite having been promised his freedom in exchange for his service, Mr. Robinson remained in slavery. He fought in the war of 1812. He eventually became free and went on to work as a preacher. In short, James Robinson lived an extraordinary life. He passed away at the age of one hundred fifteen, buried without recognition for his bravery and remarkable work.

It is an honor to see James Robinson's contributions receive the recognition they deserve. We are thankful for his service and give honor to his memory and legacy.

HONORING DR. WALTER TRIBLEY

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Walter Tribley for his distinguished service as the President of Monterey Peninsula College (MPC). Dr. Tribley served as President of MPC from 2012 to 2019 and will assume the position of President of Northern Wyoming Community College District this Fall. Dr. Tribley has had a profound impact on MPC, its students and our community on the central coast of California, and I am grateful for his contributions.

Under Dr. Tribley's leadership as President, MPC became a model for other colleges and universities to emulate. His efforts have contributed to a diverse learning environment where all students have the opportunity to reach their educational goals. In the 2008–2009 academic year, Hispanic and Latino students made up less than 20 percent of MPC's total student body. Less than decade later, that number doubled to more accurately represent the population of the Central Coast. Furthermore, the number of total young people between the ages of 18 and 24 enrolling in higher education at MPC has risen significantly during Dr. Tribley's tenure.

Many positive changes to MPC are a result of Dr. Tribley's ability to articulate a strong vision and implement tangible and innovative policies. Examples of these forward-thinking approaches include the establishment of dual enrollment programs for local high school students and offering free tuition to first year students. Dr. Tribley was also instrumental in MPC's College Incentive Program and acquiring the Title V Developing Hispanic-Surviving Institutions Grant for a transfer and degree completion initiative titled "Ready, Set, Transfer." Both programs aim to expand access to higher education and increase success rates among underserved students. Dr. Tribley also demonstrated his financial management skills by reducing unnecessary spending and being a responsible steward of public funds.

Dr. Tribley's service is not limited to MPC. He serves in a number of advisory roles, including his membership on the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, the Monterey County Workforce Investment Board, the Monterey County Children's Council, and the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation. While our community will certainly miss Dr. Tribley's presence, I am confident that he will continue to find success and purpose in his future undertakings.

Dr. Walter Tribley embodies the meaning of a community leader and has undoubtedly

made a lasting impact on community prosperity and education on the Central Coast. Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues please join me in thanking Dr. Tribley for his significant contributions and wishing him success in his new position as President of Northern Wyoming Community College District.

RECOGNIZING JUNE 7TH AS NA-  
TIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARE-  
NESS DAY

**HON. KATIE HILL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Ms. HILL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to declare June 7th, National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Today we are reminded of the epidemic of senseless gun violence that plagues our nation. Our inaction has cost too many innocent lives. Every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and countless others are wounded. We are fortunate to have passionate, forward-thinking, dedicated organizations like Moms Demand Action who work tirelessly to enact change and protect our community. It's time we do our part.

As a lifelong gun owner, I know that respecting the Second Amendment and advocating for gun safety measures are not mutually exclusive. We can adequately retain the right to bear arms while keeping our kids and communities safe.

Like most law-abiding gun owners, I believe that high-risk individuals like terrorists, domestic violence abusers, convicted criminals, and those suffering from mental illness, who are inclined to hurt themselves or others, should not be allowed to purchase weapons.

That is why I cosponsored and voted for H.R. 8, The Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, which establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties. On February 27, the House passed H.R. 8—the first time in 25 years that a piece of gun violence prevention legislation came to the House floor for a vote.

This is a public safety issue, not a partisan issue. Not only do we need stricter background checks, but we also need to provide funding to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to research gun violence as the public health concern that it is. We have a responsibility to do everything we can to address this problem.

Gun safety is a priority for me because I have heard from far too many constituents who are afraid for their lives. One constituent survived the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting, only to be killed the following year at the Borderline Bar mass shooting just outside our district. I will always fight for the people of the Antelope, Simi, and Santa Clarita Valleys, above all, and I am committed to pursuing policy solutions that address both the outcomes and root causes of these tragedies.

By wearing orange and commemorating National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence. I want to thank the advocates and leaders all across America, but especially at home in my district,