

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman seek recognition?

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I suggest to you that Congress is out of order when we fail to protect the least amongst us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

LGBT PRIDE MONTH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate LGBT Pride Month, which occurs every June.

Pride Month is the time when the LGBT community comes together to celebrate their ability to live freely. For many people across the country, Pride events held in this month of June are the occasion where they can express themselves freely in their community.

This year's LGBT Pride Month marks an important turning point in LGBT history, the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. While LGBT Pride events today center on celebration of good times, they are rooted in the LGBT community's fight for survival.

Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago this month, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City. Raids weren't uncommon at the time, but this time, the gay community rose up in protest. They set off a national movement of LGBT rights, which still is going on today.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to celebrate these great strides in LGBT rights in this country. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating LGBT Month and commit to protecting the rights and safety of LGBT people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GIRL SCOUTS OF COLLIN COUNTY

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate 24 young women from high schools across Plano, Texas, who were presented with the Gold Award by the Girls Scouts of Northeast Texas for their dedication to our community.

The most prestigious accolade to earn, the Gold Award requires each young woman to work tirelessly on a community project of their choice for up to 80 hours.

I want to thank each of these Girl Scouts for their exemplary service within Collin County and for demonstrating that age should never deter one from leading within their community.

It is with pleasure I ask my colleagues to congratulate these young ladies on their success.

LET'S USE OUR POWER TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I stand before you 2 days before the third anniversary of the mass shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, to tell this body, the people's House, that we have work to do.

The Pulse shooting shook us all to our core, and for so many in the LGBTQ community, these wounds may never fully heal.

We honor the memory of those whose lives were taken, but for those 49 people, their families, and, importantly, their chosen families, thoughts and prayers will never be enough.

"Orlando Strong" and "Never Again" are only words until we take action.

We are united by the power our constituents have given to us to make laws. We must use that power to stop gun violence.

What does it say to the victims at Pulse, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Aurora, Virginia Beach, and too many others to list? Do we not care?

Making life safer for our constituents is not right versus left; it is right versus wrong.

Madam Speaker, I urge action on this national epidemic.

MEXICO'S COMMITMENT TO HELPING SECURE OUR COMMON BORDER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend President Trump on the early success in getting Mexico to increase its commitment to helping secure our common border.

There has been no shortage of doubters, perhaps even some who wished the President would fail because he has taken an approach that hasn't been tried before. But I thank the President for his vision and for his commitment to securing our southern border, which has long been at crisis levels.

We are not done, by any means—we must now ensure that Mexico honors their commitments—but this is significant progress that we haven't seen yet to this point.

If Mexico is true to their word, that means House Democrats are now the only ones preventing the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement from becoming a reality. This agreement would be extraordinarily beneficial for the American economy, and it is time to ratify it here in this House.

I thank President Trump for applying pressure on Mexico and forcing them to step up their efforts to secure our border and trade.

HONORING HARRY YOA

(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, Harry Yoa is a 101-year-old World War II veteran. He is living in Ocean City, New Jersey.

He was only 23 years old when he enlisted in the Army in 1942, working as a truck driver and newly married to his wife, Valerie.

In the 321st Bombardment Group in the 12th Air Force, Harry was stationed in the south of France, where he completed 63 missions as an aerial engineer and as a tail gunner.

He now, unfortunately, suffers from dementia and doesn't remember much from the war, but he says he hasn't forgotten the intensity of his missions, where he was tasked with repairing the aircraft and defending the craft through the weapons in the rear of the plane.

After the war, Harry was awarded multiple medals and three Bronze Stars for his service.

In the wake of the 75th anniversary of D-day, we remember the sacrifices of many Americans and the many Americans who made them in World War II.

Harry is truly one of the great ones, and God will bless him.

LIBERTY SHIPS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the Liberty ships and those who built them during World War II in Savannah, Georgia.

Just after the U.S. entered the war, the Maritime Commission awarded a contract to the Southeastern Shipbuilding Corporation to start building cargo ships for military service.

The first completed ship was called the USS *Oglethorpe*, named after the city's founder. By the end of the war, 46,000 employees had produced 88 Liberty ships at the Savannah location.

These were America's lifeline to the war in Europe and the workhorses that transferred necessary supplies back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean filled with dangerous obstacles.

Unfortunately, the USS *Oglethorpe* was lost, torpedoed by a German U-boat in 1943. Today, a model of that ship stands at the Savannah trade center to thank and remember all those who served in the Savannah shipyards, constantly working to help win the war, as well as those ship captains who risked their lives crossing the ocean.

This generation truly deserves the name the Greatest Generation, and with them rested the fate of the entirety of Western civilization.

I am proud of this group in the First Congressional District of Georgia and their contribution to the effort during World War II.