

Sergeant Lindsay was a true American hero, from one of the most rural areas of Colorado, who died protecting his men and the country he loved.

He dedicated his life to selflessly protect our great Nation, and we are all proud of him. His loss is tragic, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come, and the world is a better place because of him.

RELEASE MICHAEL NGUYEN

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address this body and demand the release of one of our constituents, Michael Nguyen, a law-abiding American citizen with no criminal record in the United States.

He was arrested almost a year ago in Vietnam while visiting his elderly relatives. He has been held in detention for almost a year.

This unjust imprisonment is due, essentially, to one act, which is his expression of freedom of speech. He has experienced extreme hardship, both mentally and physically, while in prison.

It is unacceptable that an American citizen is detained in Vietnam for almost a year for nothing else than expressing his freedom of speech. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam has not provided us with any evidence of wrongdoing that would justify such an arrest. The government has, instead, confirmed that he is being charged with violating article 109 of Vietnam's penal code, which is essentially a catch-all.

What is his crime again? His freedom of speech, expressing his opposition to government policy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Government of Vietnam to release this American citizen. They are charging him with nothing more than expressing his freedom of speech.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PATRICK J. SOLANO

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, this past week, we as a nation honored the heroes of D-day.

Today, I rise to pay tribute, for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, to the Honorable Patrick J. Solano as he nears his 94th birthday.

Pat Solano is a legend in Pennsylvania. In World War II, Pat flew 23 bombing missions over Berlin and was decorated for his service.

Since returning home from the war, Pat has been most instrumental in building Pennsylvania and in creating opportunities for so many. And Pat mastered—perhaps, originated—and

continues to practice and preach the politics of inclusion.

Pat was an official adviser to nine Pennsylvania Governors and continues to serve as a senior adviser to his cherished Pennsylvania State Senate.

Pat's smart, beautiful, kind wife of 65 years, Marie, is equally outstanding and beloved; and they have six daughters and 11 grandchildren. Not a better friend or mentor could we ask for in our State or our community.

Mr. Speaker, I simply ask that we wish Pat Solano a very happy birthday and many more, and that we thank him for his great service to our country.

PULSE NIGHTCLUB ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, tragedy struck Orlando, Florida, at the Pulse nightclub.

Over 100 people celebrating life with friends, partners, and family were gunned down on a dance floor at a gay club; 49 of them lost their lives.

A place of refuge was transformed into a death trap by a hateful and cowardly act, and today we can honor those lives by calling for action.

At the time, the Pulse nightclub was the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Tragically, in the 3 years since this shooting, we have witnessed more senseless suffering and death:

Parishioners in Texas and South Carolina and worshippers in Pennsylvania;

Students in Santa Fe and Parkland; Municipal workers in Virginia Beach; Neighbors on sidewalks and parks;

Over 50 people shot in just one weekend in Chicago 2 weeks ago;

And then 58 concertgoers in Las Vegas lost their lives, taking the grisly title of the deadliest mass shooting.

Days after the Pulse shooting, I joined with my colleague, the iconic Congressman JOHN LEWIS, in leading a sit-in right here on this very floor. We could not stand for another day of inaction. We stopped Congress because Congress had stopped working for the American people.

Now, 3 years later, within months of taking the majority, we have passed two gun safety bills. And while I am encouraged and proud of the work we have done here in the House, we see the same obstructionist game being played out in the Senate. The two bills are stalled, and Americans continue to die.

Mr. Speaker, 40,000 people a year die from gun violence in our country. Every day, 100 Americans are killed with guns, and hundreds more are shot and injured.

Gun violence and mass shootings have gone from a rare event to a public health crisis. Just this week, Massachusetts General Hospital opened a Gun Violence Prevention Center to

teach doctors how to deal with firearm safety in recognition of the public health risk that gun violence has become to Americans.

Mr. Speaker, today I come before you standing and not sitting, but still imploring with the Senate to take a vote: Perform your basic responsibilities not as Members of Congress but, also, as members of our communities.

We cannot waste another day. Millions of Americans at home are worried for their families, frustrated by our inaction, and scared that they or anyone they love could be next.

We have a simple message on this grim anniversary for the Senate: Stop the silence. Pass commonsense gun violence prevention measures. Pass the Equality Act, and do your job for the people.

CHARLES A. CONKLIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 28 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the first 100 years of the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post 28 in Grand Haven, Michigan.

But before I talk more extensively about Post 28, I do want to acknowledge this past week that very auspicious ceremony and anniversary that was recognized—D-Day.

I joined the bipartisan group, led by the Speaker of the House and the minority leader, to the beaches of Normandy. To talk with those family members, those veterans who served there on those beaches was an incredibly moving thing, especially for me, the son of a disabled World War II veteran who nearly perished in a B-24 crash in southern Italy, and to just recognize and remember the sacrifices that not only those men that stormed the beaches, but their families, endured in the years after that.

I want to just highlight some of the connections that we have had in west Michigan to those efforts. Whether it was the city of Grand Haven, which is where Post 28 lies, which, upon the sinking of a merchant marine ship, the Coast Guard cutter *Escanaba*, raised public funds locally to literally build another *Escanaba* ship, one that has continued that very special tie with Grand Haven and with those members of VFW Post 28; the *Silversides*, a submarine that saw action in the South Pacific; the LST that resides in Muskegon, that took 31 trips back and forth during that D-Day invasion over those days, that history that we have is rich.

And the history that Post 28 has is a history that comes out of World War I, something that we had just celebrated the armistice of last November, the 100-year anniversary. My namesake, Bill Huizenga, had the privilege of fighting in that conflict and in that war as well.