

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this Friday is Flag Day and the U.S. Army's 244th birthday.

Each year, on June 14, we celebrate the Stars and Stripes, which the Second Continental Congress designated as the symbol of our Nation on June 14, 1777.

Since our founding, our flag has flown across the country and the world. It has flown during both our most tragic moments and our greatest triumphs. It has also been a glorious symbol of hope for our brave servicemen and -women who salute it, defend it, serve it, and, in some cases, die for it to protect our freedom and liberty.

Later today, the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Sergeant Major of the Army will be on Capitol Hill to celebrate the rich history of our Army.

Without the Army 244 years ago, we would not be the great Nation that we are today. On Friday, our Nation will celebrate our Army and our flag, which both symbolize America being the land of the free and the home of the brave.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER J. MORGAN

(Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a young hero we lost last week who died in a tragic accident at the United States Military Academy at West Point, located in my district in New York's Hudson Valley.

The cadet's name was Christopher J. Morgan, but most folks called him C.J. He was a member of the class of 2020. He was just 22 years old.

Chris was a talented cadet. He was majoring in law and legal studies and was a standout wrestler. Above all, he was dedicated to this country and to protecting our freedoms.

The loss of a young cadet is heart-breaking, and this accident is devastating to our community. This tragedy is another painful reminder of the sacrifices our military servicemembers and their families make for us and on our behalf.

My heart goes out to Chris' family, to his fellow cadets, some of whom were also injured in the accident, and I ask today that all join me in praying for these cadets and the soldiers injured last week in the accident. The Army family is impacted and the entire West Point community.

I also want to thank New York's first responders, medics, emergency personnel, and State troopers for their quick action after the accident last week.

CONGRATULATING MATTHEW CHAIRES

(Mr. RUTHERFORD asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Second Lieutenant Matthew Chaires on his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Lieutenant Chaires, or Gunner, as his family and friends call him, is from Hilliard, a small town in northeast Florida with a population of just over 3,000.

At Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, he was a student athlete and all-State football player, and he received numerous athletic and academic honors. In fact, Lieutenant Chaires is the only Hilliard resident to ever attend and graduate from one of our Nation's prestigious service academies.

At West Point, he was assigned to Bravo Company B2 Bulldogs in the second regiment and was a member of the cannon crew for the Black Knights during football season. With his time at West Point complete, he now heads to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to begin field artillery training.

On behalf of the Hilliard community and all of northeast Florida, thank you to Lieutenant Chaires for his commitment to both service and academic excellence. We are all very proud of him.

GUN VIOLENCE

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the anniversary of the Pulse nightclub tragedy to remember those who lost their lives on that horrific night.

It should not be lost that this happened at an LGBTQ nightclub during Latino night and that those who lost their lives were mostly our Brown and Black neighbors.

Just this weekend, I joined community members, advocates, and local elected officials to demand action on gun violence in our country. Hundreds of us gathered for this rally across the street from where organizers were getting ready to open Motor City Pride, Detroit's Pride celebration attracting tens of thousands of people wanting to celebrate the community and recommit to the fight for justice for our LGBTQ neighbors.

A few hours after the gun violence rally wrapped up and Motor City Pride opened, armed neo-Nazis right outside of the gates of the festival taunted attendees, creating an unsafe environment for all of us.

I bring this up because the fight against gun violence is intersectional. The fight against hate is intersectional.

Let us remember those who have been lost to gun violence. Let us remember those at Pulse. Remember those at Stonewall Douglas.

I commend our people who have taken action out of the tragedy that shouldn't have happened at all. It is

time for us elected officials in this Chamber to do what we can to stop gun violence and hate in this country.

HONORING BRUCE BURNHAM

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bruce Burnham, a retired member of the military police who served in the Vietnam war and was awarded the Bronze Star.

After retiring from the military, Mr. Burnham began teaching at Armwood High School, where he taught history, social studies, and classes on the Vietnam war for 30 years.

Known affectionately as the mayor of Armwood, Mr. Burnham continues to dedicate his retirement to the students. He serves as the announcer for the Armwood varsity football team and continues to give speeches to high school students on the Vietnam war.

Mr. Burnham was placed on the front lines of history, and he has spent the last 30 years retelling that history to his students.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burnham clearly has the love of our community. He also has the respect of our country.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which is necessary to save the innocent lives of innocent children, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent request can't be entertained, I urge the Speaker to—

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

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the University of Rochester Medical Center, which has just been awarded a \$3.75 million grant for their Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program.