

After trauma or a life-threatening event, it is common to have reactions such as upsetting memories, increased jumpiness, or trouble sleeping.

PTSD was not always properly understood by the medical professional and society, but today there are great organizations and resources that can help both individuals and professionals discover ways to identify and manage PTSD symptoms and explore effective treatments.

PTSD is especially prevalent for those who have served in the military, affecting nearly 30 percent of Vietnam veterans and up to 20 percent of veterans who served during the global war on terror. A nonservicemember may be exposed to a single traumatic event that can also cause PTSD.

Madam Speaker, as a former rehabilitation therapist, I have seen the incredible strides that people with injuries can make with access to appropriate rehabilitation. I applaud all the organizations that raise awareness about this important issue during the month of June. There is help and support for those who have PTSD.

HONORING EDWIN R. JONES, JR.

(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, recently, the Collings Lakes Fire Department held a parade celebrating 55 years of service and dedicated a new fire truck in honor of the late deputy chief, Edwin R. Jones, Jr.

Ed took on many roles throughout his life, most of them involving him giving of himself and of his time without expecting anything but to see someone smile.

Ed began his career as a volunteer firefighter, and when he moved to Collings Lakes in Atlantic County, he joined the fire department to serve as an engineer. Throughout his 40-year career with the fire department, Ed served in many roles, including treasurer, vice president, fire commissioner, and he was serving as the deputy chief when he passed away in 2017.

Ed is remembered. He is remembered by his family, his coworkers, and his friends for being a selfless, caring presence in our community, and his loss is felt by many.

Ed was a true American hero.

PROTECTING AMERICANS WITH PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment in the missed opportunity this House had this week to protect individuals with preexisting conditions.

Since the Democrats took the majority in January, they have stoked fear

with the American public that the administration will remove these protections; however, maintaining the current coverage requirements for those with preexisting conditions is an issue that Republicans and Democrats in this body agree on. That is why I co-sponsored Congressman RODNEY DAVIS' amendment to H.R. 2740 that would have prohibited any funds at the Department of Health and Human Services from being used to weaken the existing safeguards.

However, every single Democrat on the Rules Committee voted to prevent this amendment from even being debated by the full House. Instead, they would rather continue to politicize the issue and stoke fear that these critical protections are in imminent danger of being taken away.

I urge this body to stop sowing discord on issues we agree on and to work towards bipartisan solutions that benefit the people we serve.

RECOGNIZING WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's After-School 21st Century Learning Centers program participants. The young people who have participated in this program have shown initiative and growth.

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency has been a resource for the people of Wayne County. Their wrap-around programming demonstrates an understanding that investing in our children is investing in a better future and better quality of life for all the residents in the 13th Congressional District. The young people who have participated in this program have shown determination to achieve their highest potential.

It is an honor to recognize our young people in this program and, hopefully, be able to show that they can be an investment for the future, and I acknowledge their outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING KENNETH DWYER

(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 recognize Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Dwyer for nearly 20 years of exceptional service to our country.

Lieutenant Colonel Dwyer started his career in the military as a Special Forces officer, where he was deployed to Afghanistan on three separate operations.

In 2006, during his third deployment, he was critically injured by a grenade,

losing both his left hand and his left eye. This incident only fueled his desire to fight for his Nation.

Through his ongoing perseverance, he rose through the ranks to become commander of Hunter Army Airfield in the First Congressional District of Georgia. With Lieutenant Colonel Dwyer as head of Hunter Army Airfield, the installation won the Army Community of Excellence Award for 2019, which recognizes bases for troop morale, soldier readiness, innovation, community involvement, and more.

Lieutenant Colonel Dwyer passed the baton to Lieutenant Colonel Escobar to command Hunter Army Airfield on June 13.

Thank you, Lieutenant Colonel Dwyer for all of your hard work at Hunter and for making this an installation that everyone in the First Congressional District of Georgia can be proud of.

JUSTICE FOR JOSUE FLORES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, for a very long time, the entire community, including his neighborhood, the Near Northside, mourned the loss of a wonderful little boy by the name of Josue Flores.

We mourn with his family members and his neighborhood. What a loving neighborhood.

We stood by the tree in the area in which he was murdered, stabbed many times. There were investigations and arrests, and then there were no arrests, and the community still mourned.

I want to applaud the Near Northside for continuing to remember Josue Flores, as well the Safe Work Coalition, ensuring that no child would ever walk home to be victimized in that neighborhood again.

Many law enforcement officers and civil rights groups and others work together, civic neighborhood groups—the Near Northside Super Neighborhood—but now there is finally an arrest. We hope that justice is rendered for that family and justice is rendered for this whole act that we hope never happens again.

We mourn him. We want it to be fair and just. But we want Josue Flores to rest in peace and want this proceeding to move forward so that this family can have peace and this neighborhood can be assured that their children can be safe again.

I will work with them continuously, as we did, to ensure that law enforcement is there for them and the community is there for them.

HONORING STEVEN F. HILLIAS

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise