

In June of this year, seven members of Jarheads Motorcycle Club were tragically killed in my district when they were hit by a truck that crossed over into the wrong lane on Route 2 in Randolph, New Hampshire.

The Massachusetts driver responsible for this accident should not have had an active driver's license and should not have been behind the wheel that day. Despite his criminal history, the driver still had a license because of a loophole where State DMVs often do not process out-of-State infractions.

The SAFE DRIVERS Act would help States implement electronic systems to ensure that dangerous drivers are kept off our roads. By incentivizing States to modernize their databases, we can keep our roads safe and prevent further tragedies.

#### CONGRATULATING STAFF SERGEANT DAKOTA BOWEN, NCO OF 2019

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Staff Sergeant Dakota Bowen, who serves with Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He is the Army's 2019 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

The NCO of the Year is the Army's top soldier, with competition annually on a variety of tasks testing their knowledge, skills, and abilities. Staff Sergeant Bowen emerged as the top NCO of the competition to win soldier of the year as this year's top NCO.

General Joseph Martin, the Army Vice Chief of Staff, calls NCOs the heart and soul of the Army. "When the Army desperately needs leadership, we turn to you, and you have never failed us," he said in a keynote speech at the awards ceremony.

As a 30-year Army veteran myself with three sons who have served in the Army, I know firsthand that this analysis is correct.

South Carolina is grateful for Staff Sergeant Dakota Bowen and his commitment to American families, promoting the truth that freedom is not free.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th, or the anniversary today of the Beirut bombing, murdering 241 servicemembers, in the global war on terrorism.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK "TOWKAR" APPICE

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frank "TowKar" Appice, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, avid motorcyclist, and active member of our community.

He passed away in 2017, but he is not forgotten. I am so proud that we recently named a street after him on Staten Island.

Frank was the founder and chairman of the board of Rolling Thunder, Chapter 2 New York, as well as an integral part of creating two chapters in Brooklyn.

Frank always wanted to use motorcycling to give back to our community, particularly our veterans. Every year, he oversaw the Disabled American Veterans support run for Chapter 2 New York, raising over \$75,000 for disabled veterans.

It is a fitting honor that his wife and children have formed a scholarship fund in his honor. This fund will continue Frank's passion for supporting veterans, ensuring that children of veterans or students who volunteer with veterans organizations can afford an education.

This scholarship ensures that we will always remember and learn from Frank and his legacy of service.

Frank, we will continue to honor you and your work.

God Bless Frank, and God bless the United States of America.

#### CONDEMNING UNFAIR IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

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

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly condemn the unfair, closed-door, hyperpartisan, impeachment inquiry process being conducted by House Democrats.

Nothing, not even the cold, hard facts, will stop the partisan politics of my colleagues on the left from nullifying the 2016 election.

One of Speaker PELOSI's committee chairs who she chose to lead this process promised years ago that she would find a way to impeach the President. This has been the plan from the beginning.

Certain minority rights have been denied to Republicans during this process, like equal subpoena power, a right that Republicans provided Democrats during the Clinton impeachment.

Chairman SCHIFF started this trend of dishonesty by promoting false allegations related to the President and Russia. Now, he has publicly mischaracterized his committee's handling of the whistleblower inquiry and deceived the American people about his relationship with the whistleblower.

Democrats still refuse to hold a full House vote on their impeachment inquiry, yet they continue this baseless impeachment inquiry of President Trump instead of tackling the issues most important to our citizens.

I urge the American people to take a hard look at the lack of transparency and accountability surrounding this unfounded impeachment inquiry.

#### HONORING GEORGE RAMIREZ FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

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

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Ramirez for his extraordinary contribution to the culture and arts in Brownsville, Texas.

Mr. Ramirez was the longtime president of the Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts and founder of the Brownsville Latin Jazz Festival. He has been invaluable in bringing quality cultural entertainment to my community. Under Mr. Ramirez' leadership, the Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts has produced hundreds of shows, concerts, and cultural programs.

He dedicated his life to making the arts accessible to the people of the Rio Grande Valley.

In June 2017, Mr. Ramirez established his own low-powered radio station, which enabled him to bring music to everyone.

Mr. Ramirez helped create a number of cultural events, including the Brownsville Guitar Ensemble Festival and Competition, the Brownsville International Flamenco Festival, and the Ancient Cultures Festival.

He also spearheaded the efforts to bring Handel's "Messiah" concerts to Brownsville, Mozart's "Requiem in D Minor," Bach's "Mass in B Minor," and the annual children's "Hansel and Gretel" opera production.

A group of students in the University of Texas opera program had never seen an opera, so he coordinated and funded a trip to take them to the Houston Grand Opera. He was very active in helping students gain exposure to the arts, offering several music scholarships.

Mr. Ramirez' latest accomplishment was playing a vital role in the opening of the Brownsville Performing Arts Academy, a place that will carry on the tradition of Mr. Ramirez' work.

#### STOP POLITICAL GAMES AND GET BACK TO WORK

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, the impeachment of a President is a serious process that will have lasting effects on our Republic. It requires a transparent and trustworthy Congress to conduct a proper investigation because of the attempts to undo the will of the American people.

As a former prosecutor, I know that holding hearings behind closed doors is not transparent. Withholding information from the American people does not promote trust. Misconstruing the facts to the American public is not proper.

These actions alone point to an illegitimate process that will continue to