

was also invited by President Trump to attend the 2018 State of the Union Address.

In his position in the Sixth District office, he has earned the respect of all of his coworkers and all of the constituents with whom he has interacted. He leaves a lasting legacy as a servant leader.

I am honored to call Matthew a loyal and trusted friend. I wish him all the best as he moves on to other interests.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Corporal Bradford for his friendship, for his tireless work on behalf of the people of the Sixth District, and his outstanding service to the country.

TWO-STATE SOLUTION

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the United States most important strategic ally in the Middle East, the nation of Israel.

Last week, the House voted on and nearly passed, along mostly partisan lines, a nonbinding resolution reinforcing the failed two-state policy that has been pushed on both the Israeli and Palestinian people since the signing of the failed Oslo Accords. I opposed that resolution.

The truth is we need a new way of thinking about the path toward a lasting peace between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East. The idea that politicians from outside of Israel can impose a top-down forced division of Arabs and Israelis is nonsense.

Rhetoric about a negotiated two-state resolution is not credible when it is promoted by those who criticize Israel's settlements within the Biblical homeland of the Jewish people. Current Israeli settlements established through peaceful means extend the reach of freedom and democracy, while the proposed ejection of Jews from settlements has a record incongruent with peace.

The 2005 Israeli withdrawal from Gaza has been a disaster for Palestinians, allowing terrorist groups like Hamas and PIJ to take over and terrorize that strip of land and its citizens.

I have personally been to Judea and Samaria, and I have witnessed Jews and Arabs working together, side by side, in private enterprise, seeing that peace is possible.

When stability exists under the rule of law, under the freedom and security offered by the State of Israel, businesses thrive, families earn a living, and freedom and democracy expand—all things that I encourage my colleagues to consider.

IN MEMORY OF SECOND LIEUTENANT TRAVIS B. WILKIE

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Second Lieutenant Travis B. Wilkie, a veteran and San Diego native who lost his life while training at Vance Air Force Base

in Oklahoma. Lieutenant Wilkie was a model citizen who exuded the values of service and sacrifice to his country.

A San Diego native, Lieutenant Wilkie worked diligently as both a student and as a member of his community, and his accomplishments earned him a spot at the prestigious Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

On November 21 of this year, Lieutenant Wilkie was training with a fellow pilot, Lieutenant Colonel John Kinkade, when Travis' plane crashed during a landing formation. Both Lieutenant Wilkie and Colonel Kinkade tragically lost their lives that day.

Lieutenant Wilkie's loss is felt in our community in San Diego, by his colleagues at the Air Force Academy, by his fellow servicemembers at Vance Air Force Base, and by his family. In a text to me yesterday, his mom, Carlene, said: "'Devastated' is not a strong enough word. Travis was a brilliant, hardworking 23-year-old who just married the love of his life on October 14. I don't believe any young pilot should die in a training mission. Unbearable."

Please join me in remembering and honoring Second Lieutenant Wilkie and Lieutenant Colonel Kinkade, their families, and the communities they touched during their lives and their service.

IN HONOR OF ALBERT J. HICKMAN

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the San Diego hero, the late Ensign Albert J. Hickman, a decorated veteran who gave his life to save many others.

Ensign Hickman was 21 years old when the F3H Demon, the jet he was piloting, malfunctioned. He was on a routine training mission over San Diego, California, when he lost control of the aircraft and began plummeting toward the ground.

At the time of the engine malfunction, Hickman's jet was directly over a neighborhood and an elementary school playground crowded with children on their noontime recess. Instead of simply ejecting from the jet, he stayed with the aircraft and steered it into a remote canyon in order to avoid the playground.

Ensign Hickman sacrificed his life to save the lives of 750 children. He was posthumously awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the highest non-combat medal awarded for heroism. Hickman Elementary School in Mira Mesa was also named in his honor, as was Hickman Field in Kearny Mesa.

At a ceremony at the school, 11-year-old Hawthorne student body president Kay Schade gave a speech that was quoted in the San Diego Union Tribune: "Ensign Hickman not only saved our lives but left us an ideal by which to live. Let us strive to be as brave and courageous ourselves as he was."

December 4 marked the 60th anniversary of his death. In September, his heroism was remembered at Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial.

Please join me in honoring Ensign Albert Hickman for his dedication and

sacrifice as we seek to continue his legacy of heroism.

IN HONOR OF SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER KENTON STACY

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Chief Petty Officer Kenton Stacy, a decorated veteran who sustained injuries in the line of duty while on tour in Syria.

Senior Chief Stacy was on his final tour in Syria after having already completed one tour in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He specialized in explosive ordnance disposal, meaning that every assignment he undertook was a matter of life and death for himself and members of his team.

In 2017, Senior Chief Stacy and his unit were clearing a hospital in an area that had been recently occupied by ISIS. During their mission, an explosive device detonated, leaving Senior Chief Stacy badly wounded. While Senior Chief Stacy survived, the explosion ultimately left him paralyzed and unable to speak.

Senior Chief Stacy was honored this past Veterans Day with a plaque at the Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, the only memorial in the United States that honors veterans, both living and deceased, from the Revolutionary War until now. This will help ensure that his sacrifice is never forgotten.

Please join me in honoring Senior Chief Petty Officer Kent Stacy and his family and thanking them for all their courage and service to our country.

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE IS DEADLY

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

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, 106—nearly half—of House Democrats have cosponsored the socialists' Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

I will not mince words: Socialized medicine causes worse healthcare at higher costs with longer waits and more dead Americans.

America must learn from countries that have experimented with socialized medicine. Per Britain's Royal College of Surgeons, almost a quarter of a million people must wait more than 6 months—6 months—to receive planned medical treatment from the National Health Service. Worse yet, more than 3,600 Britons wait more than 9 months for medical care.

The photo next to me was taken by a British mother outraged by the healthcare her ill son received. As this photo shows, her son was treated on a hospital floor.

Do we want newborn babies kept in cardboard boxes like they are in socialist Venezuela? Is that really what we want in America?

I say no. But that is exactly what America will get if socialists have their way in this healthcare debate.

Canada's socialized medicine is no better. A 2016 survey by Canada's Fraser Institute found a median wait of 20