

law enforcement to the position. For the last 3 years, he was the deputy chief for the prosecutor's office; and in that role, he managed the daily investigation operations of the Criminal Investigation Division.

In the past, he has worked as a narcotics detective and for the U.S. Customs Service in their Financial Crimes Task Force.

He has done groundbreaking work to reduce gang and gun violence, as well as rehabilitate convicted criminals in Hudson County.

Also, he is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy.

With these extraordinary credentials, I think Mr. Stith will be an exceptional chief of detectives in Hudson County.

#### POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF CARLTON HAND

(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, I would like to posthumously recognize the heroic efforts of Carlton Hand, of Rio Grande in south Jersey.

Carlton Hand was a Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 349th Infantry. Hand was recognized for his gallantry in combat. He stormed an entrenched German position in the face of heavy enemy sniper fire, grenades and mortar shells blasting all around them.

With snipers shooting at them, Carlton Hand abandoned his radio, secured grenades from one of his comrades, and killed two attacking Germans. He then seized a rifle in the face of continuing mortar and sniper fire, and killed two, and wounded one more German.

Germans then dropped grenades on his position, which he then proceeded to hurl back at the enemy. He then captured 20 prisoners in the seizure of the enemy position.

Carlton Hand was awarded the Silver Star Medal for Valor for his heroic efforts. Carlton Hand is the definition of an American hero, and we owe our future to the brave actions of Carlton Hand and the men and women like him who have shaped this great United States of America.

Our country was forged by the blood, sweat, and tears of brave men and women like Carlton Hand.

May God bless them as they look down upon us.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MICHAEL LECIK

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the selflessness, courage, and resilience of my constituent, Mike Lecik.

Mike served in the United States Air Force and deployed twice to the Middle

East as a military firefighter. After returning home to Powhatan County, he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a blood cancer linked to the carcinogenic conditions of his work.

The VA does not currently recognize the service connection between firefighting and diseases such as myeloma, leaving many veterans like Mike unable to get the care they need.

Since his diagnosis, Mike, and his wife, Tiffany, and their family have demonstrated incredible strength, and I am deeply inspired by his commitment to ensuring that no other military firefighters face these same challenges.

In his service overseas and through his advocacy at home, Mike represents the best of Virginia's Seventh District. Driven by his story and in coordination with Mike, I recently introduced the Michael Lecik Military Firefighters Protection Act. This bill would recognize cancer, lung disease, and other serious illnesses as presumptive service-connected disabilities for our Nation's veteran military firefighters.

I thank Mike for his tireless work on this issue, and I thank my colleague, Congressman BACON, for joining me in this effort to do right by the thousands of veterans and their families, people like my constituent, Mike Lecik.

#### THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, the opioid epidemic does not discriminate based on age, race, sex or socioeconomic status. It is a plague that affects Americans in all regions of the country, including Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

In 2016, the United States experienced an astonishing 60,000 deaths related to drug overdose; nearly two-thirds of which involved opioids. That means that more than 91 Americans die from an opioid overdose every day, making it the leading cause of death for people under the age of 50.

This crisis is being fueled in part by a synthetic opioid known as fentanyl, a drug 80 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. In 2018 alone, more than 800 people died from fentanyl overdoses in Virginia.

I applaud my colleagues for voting to save lives this week by renewing the classification of fentanyl as a Schedule I narcotic.

Through commonsense solutions like this and support for first responders and treatment programs, I am confident we can help our fellow Americans struggling with opioid abuse and end this insidious epidemic.

#### REMEMBERING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

I grew up in a Jewish community, alongside children of Holocaust survivors. It was something that was so real and so close. Following the liberation of Auschwitz and the devastation of the Holocaust, we must never forget the tragedy that happens when religious persecution goes unchecked.

We need to remember the six million heartbreaking deaths of our Jewish brothers and sisters around the world to ensure that they are never forgotten. We must teach our next generation about the horrors of the Holocaust to ensure that it will never happen again.

We must speak out, now and forever, against religious oppression, against anti-Semitism, and against radical extremism.

We have all been taught the Golden Rule and we all should live by it.

#### WAR IS VIOLENT AND CATASTROPHIC

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, war is a violent and catastrophic act, and its impact on the people of any nation is one that is long-lasting.

Between the wars of Iraq and Afghanistan, close to 7,000 Americans lost their lives; families were broken. But yet, we honor them for their service, as we honor those who are now serving and who have put on the uniform unselfishly, just like the young men and women who were called immediately after the killing of General Soleimani.

Today, we made an important statement on this floor; that is that the Constitution prevails; the rule of law prevails, as we hope it will prevail in the other body in this proceeding.

We know that Congress declares war. If there is danger, the President can use the War Powers Resolution. But as we did not find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, we have an endless war.

We do not need to engage in a war with Iran. If we are attacked or there are hostilities, we can defend ourselves.

Let us deliberate on behalf of the American people and do it the right way.

To our military, we thank you for your service.

#### CELEBRATING A NEW CHAPTER FOR MINNESOTA'S LIBERIAN COMMUNITY

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