

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, his son, his three daughters, and his stepson in this sad time, and I pray that they may find peace.

#### REMEMBERING THE JULY 20, 2012, AURORA THEATRE MASSACRE

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of victims of gun violence.

Gun violence rips through a community, leaving trauma with the families and friends of the victims, the medical staff, the first responders, and the entire community for a lifetime. It is a trauma and a scar too many communities in Colorado have faced, as well as the rest of the Nation.

I represented Aurora, Colorado, on July 20, 2012, during the Aurora Theatre massacre. I will never forget the victims and the families impacted by that tragedy, including, A.J. Boik, 18; Jon Blunk; Jesse Childress; Gordon Cowden, who died protecting his children; Jessica Ghawi; John Larimer; Matt McQuinn; Micayla Medek; Veronica Moser-Sullivan, only 6 years old; Alex Sullivan; Alexander Teves; and Rebecca Wingo.

These people died far too young. These stories are just a few of the 36,000 Americans killed each year, and 100,000 Americans shot and injured by firearms. We cannot let this type of violence and tragedy rip through another community.

Let's make 2020 the year we finally honor these victims with action.

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#### CELEBRATING GHOST TOWN TRAIL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Ghost Town Trail that runs between Ebensburg and Blairsville, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources recently named the Ghost Town Trail the Pennsylvania Trail of the Year.

As a lifelong Pennsylvanian and avid outdoorsman, I am proud the 15th District is leading the way in developing and growing Pennsylvania's extensive trail network. It is important we cultivate an appreciation of the outdoors.

We know trails are environmentally friendly, but they also are economically friendly. Trails boost real estate values. They present new business opportunities and bolster tourist-related revenue. The 44-mile long Ghost Town Trail provides all of these benefits.

According to some experts, if it continues on its current trajectory, it will be the first trail in the East to connect in a full loop.

The Trail of the Year award is well deserved for the Ghost Town Trail, and I am proud to recognize it here today.

#### COMMONSENSE GUN REFORM NEEDED

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, every day, dozens of Americans lose their lives to guns. If a virus killed dozens of Americans each day, we would treat it as a public health emergency. But despite that loss of life from gun violence, our country has failed to implement commonsense gun reform.

One of those solutions is my bill, the COOL OFF Act, which would establish a 3-day waiting period on all handgun sales, to take the passion out of crimes of passion.

Research has shown waiting periods reduce murders by 17 percent and suicides by 10 percent. A national waiting period would save hundreds if not thousands of lives each year by preventing handgun sales to those motivated toward crimes of passion.

Thousands of Americans have died as we have waited to pass gun reform. By passing the COOL OFF Act, we can ensure that a wait of just 3 days starts to save lives.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD GET BACK TO WORK

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow will be the culmination of a very predictable series of events.

There were never 67 votes to convict the President. There was never any bipartisan support for impeachment. This contrived process was never going to be successful, and everybody knew it.

When House Democrats, first in a hurry in December to get the articles through, and then after a month's delay sent the articles over to the Senate, they claimed their case was compelling and overwhelming, yet their case had zero actual evidence and was made only of opinion or speculation or third-hand comments.

Then the Democrat impeachment managers asked for more witnesses in order to prove their case that they had rushed through the House. Pure hypocrisy. The same has surrounded this entire so-called process.

From quid pro quo to extortion to bribery, they have continuously grasped for straws—the same straws they try to ban in California, by the way—that would make their narrative more compelling.

Here we are, over 4 months since this inquiry was announced, yet they found not a way to convince Americans that the President has committed an actual crime.

Once the Senate votes to acquit the President, we must get back to work and do actual things.

#### AWARD DORIS MILLER WITH MEDAL OF HONOR

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Black History Month to recognize the life and legacy of Doris Miller.

Miller was stationed on the USS *West Virginia* during the attack at Pearl Harbor. Once the attack began, Miller left his role in the kitchen to rescue shipmates and provide cover fire.

News hit Waco, Texas, where I was a little girl, that said he helped to stop the U.S. invasion by the Japanese. Miller was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroics, though his actions unquestionably merited the Medal of Honor.

I recently attended a ceremony at Pearl Harbor with the Acting Secretary of the Navy to announce the naming of the future aircraft carrier in his honor. This will be the first aircraft carrier named for an African American sailor. It is appreciated, but it is not the Medal of Honor.

I have introduced H.R. 5549, the Doris Miller Medal of Honor Act of 2020. This bill would waive the statute of limitations to upgrade Miller's Navy Cross to the Medal of Honor.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SHELDON WHITEMAN

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Long County Deputy Sheriff Sheldon Whiteman, who died in the line of duty on January 23 at the age of 44.

Deputy Whiteman was assisting in a vehicle pursuit in the First Congressional District of Georgia when his vehicle left the roadway. Deputy Whiteman had been with the Long County Sheriff's Office for only 4 months at the time of the incident.

Previously, Deputy Whiteman worked with the Chatham County Police Department and was a POST Certified Peace Officer since 2016.

Deputy Whiteman is survived by his wife, Alisa Ann, and his three sons.

It is, unfortunately, times like these when we remember the risks that our law enforcement officers take every day that they put on their uniforms. I encourage everyone to take some time to thank our law enforcement officers for the work they do to keep our communities safe.

Deputy Whiteman's family and friends, as well as the Long County and Chatham County police departments will be in my thoughts and prayers during these most difficult times.