

the President's State of the Union speech on national TV considered the proper decorum of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not give an advisory opinion. The House may address this matter in the format of 1-minute speeches.

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COMMEMORATING NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, getting back to the business of the people, this week is National Gun Violence Survivors Week when we honor and remember the lives that we have lost to gun violence, those whom we have loved and miss terribly, people like my father, Guido Mucarsel; Jaime Guttenberg; De'Michael Dukes; Joaquin Oliver; Tel Orfanos; Jerry Wright; and all of their loved ones who now must live with the pain forever.

The sad reality is that 58 percent of Americans or someone they know has experienced gun violence in their lifetime. The number of gun violence survivors increases in each passing day, tragedy after tragedy. The mental and emotional toll on survivors is immense, and many people are thrust into financial hardship.

These are experiences that no one chooses to endure. We must not only remember those who have died but also those who have survived and do all we can to help them in their never-ending journey toward healing.

To all of those who are remembering a loved one this week, we stand with you.

REMEMBERING BONNIE DUVALL

(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 remember the life of Ms. Bonnie Duvall, who passed away on January 18 at the age of 61 after a brave battle with cancer.

Ms. Duvall was known to many as the first lady of American agriculture. She was married to Mr. Zippy Duvall, the president of the American Farm Bureau, and enjoyed accompanying him to Farm Bureau events across the country. She was also the loving mother of one of my former staff members, Zellie, who was with me on my first day here at the Capitol.

Throughout her life, her dedication to the farming community made a lasting impact on agriculture in southeast Georgia, and there is no doubt that she is leaving it in a better place than she found it.

On her own farm, she used her business expertise gained at the University of Georgia to keep the books. She was

named the 1982 National Young Farmer and Rancher of the Year, and she was a consistent member of the Greene County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Most importantly, she was an overall inspiring and genuine person who will always be remembered for her optimistic attitude. Ms. Duvall is going to be deeply missed throughout the agriculture community.

Zellie, Zippy, and the entire Duvall family are in my thoughts and prayers.

DEFEND AMERICAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in defense of the American healthcare system.

Last week, the administration proposed a new demonstration program that would allow States to apply for block grants. These would permit States to slash funding for their Medicaid programs, reduce protections for beneficiaries, and restrict eligibility standards. A recent study by George Washington University found that these changes would also result in community health centers treating 5 million fewer patients over the next 4 years.

This is unacceptable. Federal law already gives Medicaid flexibility to change from State to State. These proposed block grants are nothing more than cuts to funding for the program.

Today, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for a resolution condemning these proposed changes as what they are: attacks on our healthcare system and those with pre-existing conditions.

HONORING RONNIE SPRINKLE

(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, I rise today to honor Sheriff Ronnie Sprinkle, who began his service as the sheriff of Botetourt County nearly two decades ago. When Ronnie was just 6 months, his father was elected as Botetourt County sheriff and held the position for 30 years, retiring in 1991. Eight years later, the junior Sprinkle followed in his dad's footsteps and was elected to the same post, which he held until retirement last month.

Save the 8 years between his father's retirement and Ronnie's election, 2020 will mark the first time since the heart of the Vietnam war that a Sprinkle has not led the Botetourt Sheriff's Office.

I want to thank Sheriff Ronnie for his years of service to our community and congratulate him on all he has accomplished during his tenure. His tireless work to secure funding for a new public safety building and jail will not be forgotten.

The risks and responsibilities that come with being a law enforcement of-

ficer are many, and I want to express my sincere gratitude to Ronnie Sprinkle for his unwavering commitment to Botetourt County and all our men and women in blue.

PASS COMPREHENSIVE GUN REFORM

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

Last month, with the leadership of my House colleagues and Senator ELIZABETH WARREN, I was proud to introduce the Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act, the most comprehensive piece of gun reform legislation this Chamber has ever seen.

We will mandate universal background checks, which will help keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them. We will crack down on gun trafficking. And we will hold the gun industry accountable for putting profits over the safety of the American people.

I promise today to fight so that not one more American is burdened with living as a gun violence survivor because of irresponsible, outdated, and morally bankrupt Federal gun policies.

BRI FOLDS GOES PRO

(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, today, I rise to honor a talented young lady from my district.

Bri Folds, a Lakeland Christian and Auburn grad, was drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 National Woman's Soccer League draft by the North Carolina Courage.

Ms. Folds is the first player from Polk County to be drafted by the National Women's Soccer League. Folds was a two-time Lakeland Ledger Player of the Year, with 173 goals and 155 assists while at Lakeland Christian. She finished her college career ranked seventh all-time at Auburn in assists, eighth in goals, and tied for fifth in game-winning goals with nine.

I am extraordinarily proud of her dedication and drive. It is important that our community continues to invest in future generations to produce stars and leaders like Ms. Folds. Players like her will influence young girls for years to come.

I encourage all of District 15 to join me in cheering on Bri Folds when the 2020 NWSL season begins in March.

REPEAL PREFUND MANDATE ON USPS

(Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)