

quickly responded to this emergency and prevented this fire from spreading further. Your dedication to this community is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, my heart goes out to the veterans who frequented this VFW post, the patients who attended Lakeview Behavioral Health, and the entire Grand Rapids community as they recover from this loss.

Please know that I stand by ready to help in whatever way I can during this rebuilding process.

HONORING THE LIFE'S WORK OF HOWARD HEDSTROM

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of Howard Hedstrom of Grand Marais, Minnesota, and the entire Hedstrom family.

Last month, at the age of 71, Howard retired as president of Hedstrom Lumber Company, a business that his family built from the ground up and ran for over 100 years.

Howard's grandfather, Andrew Hedstrom, was a Swedish immigrant who pieced together a used sawmill to build a company that would employ three generations of Hedstroms.

While Hedstrom Lumber Company had humble origins, thanks to determination, leadership, and the foresight of company employees, like Howard, it evolved into one of the largest employers in Cook County, Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, for generations, Minnesotans have worked in our forests, helping to support their families and boost rural economies. The Hedstrom family is a fine example of this great tradition.

I am incredibly grateful to Howard and his entire family for their dedication to the Grand Marais community and Minnesota as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Howard a relaxing retirement spent with his wife, Bonnie, and the rest of his loved ones.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF SUSIE SCHLOMANN

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mrs. Susie Schломann of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, who suddenly passed away unexpectedly last week.

Mr. Speaker, after Pennsylvania's Congressional District boundaries changed, I had the privilege to represent southern York County. I quickly came to know Susie. Susie was passionate and proud of her conservative, political beliefs, volunteering much of her time furthering the causes which she supported, and she was never shy to share her thoughts about what was happening here in Washington.

Susie came to Shrewsbury from Long Island, where she raised her family, including her three children, Tristan, Ted, and Rebecca, and where, in 1978, she married the love of her life, her

late husband, Rick. In addition to her three children, Susie is survived by five grandchildren, her brother Andrew, and her sister, Amanda.

Mr. Speaker, we wish all those who are grieving, comfort. And we give thanks for having had the opportunity to know Susie, who filled so many people's lives with happiness.

COMBATING THE INHUMANE PRACTICES AT PUPPY MILLS

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the concerning issue of puppy mills throughout the State of Pennsylvania and across America. If we all care for our canine companions, we cannot continue to support the horrifying practices at puppy mills.

Mr. Speaker, it is well-documented that puppy mills supply pet stores with puppies. My home State of Pennsylvania is no exception.

Cutting off the puppy mill to pet store supply chain will decrease the demand for puppies raised in puppy mills. The inhumane practices at most puppy mills are shocking, appalling, and unacceptable. We have all seen the images on television.

Stores that sell commercially-raised puppies operate based on an outdated and socially unacceptable business model. We need to work to shift the pet markets towards humane sources, including shelters and rescues that are burdened with finding families for homeless pets, thousands of which have to be euthanized in Pennsylvania each year.

President Truman once said: If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.

Mr. Speaker, let's show our best friends the love they deserve by combating the inhumane practice of puppy mills.

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CELEBRATING HOUR OF CODE

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the school-based initiative designed to increase student interest in the world of coding. The Hour of Code, which occurs every year during Computer Science Education Week, has the goal to teach students coding basics.

The Bristol Township School District is one of several around the world taking advantage of this program, and they are leading the way in our community. Bristol Township schools are known for their science, technology, engineering, art, and math initiatives, and they held multiple events to allow students to participate in the Hour of Code.

The introductory program uses games to teach younger children. By showing kids the basics of coding, it can spark an interest in computer science and engineering, which, as our

society becomes more technology based, can be incredibly valuable skills to have.

I applaud the Bristol Township schools for participating in this program, and I hope that other school districts across our community and across our Nation will follow the lead of Bristol Township schools.

CONGRATULATING ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY'S MILLER MEAN MACHINES

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the champions of the Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School's 10th annual Super Duper Bowl, the Miller Mean Machines.

Since 2010, Roosevelt Elementary, in Falls Township, has come together for a flag football tournament. The tournament consists of fifth-grade students and their teachers coming together for a fun day outside. The event also acts as a fundraiser, taking donations of both food and money for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, any event that brings our community together for a day of fun, teamwork, and sportsmanship, while also helping those in need, should be celebrated by this House.

Congratulations again to the Mean Machines, and I thank Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary for being an educational leader in our community.

HONORING HEROES OF ROCK HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two heroes of my local police department in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

In May of last year, Sergeants Cedric Stokes and Bruce Haire demonstrated the meaning of compassion when they used unconventional means to save the life of another man.

That day, the police department heard reports of a man seeking to commit suicide while streaming it live on social media. Without a moment's hesitation, these officers used social media to identify the man online and, upon identification, coordinated rapidly, with the help of Facebook employees, to ensure that the man was found and promptly cared for in a medical facility.

Ours is a brave new world, and the implications of new technology cut both ways. On this day, it was at once a morbid display of pain, but also a beacon signaling for help.

A quote came to mind when I read of these officers' heroic responses. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt:

Do what you can with all you have, wherever you are.

On behalf of the Fifth District, I commend the officers of the Rock Hill Police Department for their unwavering and adaptive dedication to protect and serve.