

COOPERATION WITH TURKEY IN
FIGHTING COVID-19

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the U.S. received two shipments of medical supplies from the Republic of Turkey to assist with our coronavirus response. On April 28, Turkey provided us with 500,000 surgical masks and 400 N95 masks, as well as protective clothing, disinfectant, goggles, and face shields. Two days later on April 30, a second shipment including personal protective equipment, masks, hazmat suits and disinfectants also arrived from Turkey. In a show of solidarity, our U.S. Ambassador to Turkey David Satterfield and the Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister, Selim Yavuz Kiran, were together watching as the second plane departed Turkey.

We are grateful to our strong ally Turkey for its generosity and leadership, and look forward to continued close cooperation into the future in fighting COVID-19 and also working together on many important issues of mutual concern.

RECOGNIZING THE BROOKWOOD
COMMUNITY FOR FEEDING OUR
FRONT LINE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard-working and dedicated Brookwood Community citizens who have stepped up to help our hospital heroes fighting COVID-19.

The Brookwood Community has been serving adults with disabilities since 1985, providing them with opportunity and the dignity that comes with work. Unfortunately, social distancing and quarantining has prevented many of them from traveling to their jobs and supporting their community.

But the Brookwood citizens didn't let COVID-19 stop them from finding a way to help. Through the Brookwood Café, these heroes have sold "Boxes for the Brave" to make sure our doctors and nurses are well-fed as they treat coronavirus patients. They also have been selling to-go meals and family meals to make sure the TX-22 community is nourished as well.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I offer a Texas-sized thank you to these wonderful people for the important work they do and their continuing support for our doctors, nurses and healthcare community.

HONORING THE HEROIC SERVICE
AND SACRIFICE OF IMPD OFFICER
BREANN LEATH

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of an outstanding public servant, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Officer Breann Leath, who served her city and country with principle and integrity. Tragically, Officer Leath was killed in the line of duty on April 9, 2020, while responding to a domestic violence call.

Breann was born on December 30, 1995 in Hinesville, Georgia. Her family moved to Indiana and she graduated from Southport High School in 2014, where she served as captain of the dance squad. She was always a shining light in the eyes of her classmates and peers. She had a passion for public service, following in her father's footsteps who is also a police officer. After graduation, Breann enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard and became a member of the military Honor Guard. Upon completing her service in the National Guard, Breann pursued her passion for service and protection by becoming a corrections officer at the Indiana Women's Prison.

During her time at the Women's Prison, Breann recognized her true calling and passion for law enforcement. This prompted her to join the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, known as IMPD. Officer Leath graduated the police academy in 2018, going on to serve and protect the people of Indianapolis for two and a half years.

On April 9, Officer Leath pinned on her badge and went to work on what she thought would be an ordinary day on the job. She responded to a domestic disturbance call on the far east side of Indianapolis where she was fatally shot. Officer Leath laid down her life to protect her community from a dangerous individual. Her service demonstrates the bravery and commitment that she and her brothers and sisters in uniform display every day while her last moments reflect the ultimate sacrifice law enforcement officers can make.

On April 16, I attended an historical event at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) to honor the life and legacy of Officer Leath. Due to the Public health recommendations surrounding the pandemic of COVID-19, fellow officers and Hoosiers around the state took unprecedented actions to properly and safely lay Officer Leath to rest. As many as 1,900 people joined to watch a live broadcast of the 11 a.m. services across local media websites and on YouTube, tuning in to view the first funeral held at IMS in its 105-year history. The multiple suites at the Speedway were also used for officials and officers to pay respects at a safe social distance Just below the suites, four rows of patrol cars lined the 2.5-mile track, comprised of her shiftmates at IMPD's East District, her classmates in the department's recruiting class and other officers from across the state. Just over the horizon hung the Indianapolis skyline—a silhouette of the city that Leath spent her shortened life serving.

Officer Leath was only 24 years old. A leader with an infectious smile and positive atti-

tude, a veteran who served her country and a public servant who loved her community, Officer Leath is a shining example of the commitment to the oath of protection our men and women in uniform take, paying the ultimate price to protect the citizens of Indiana. She leaves behind her young son Zayn, her parents Tom and Jennifer, her sisters Jayla and Tiana, her aunt Sherry, uncles Yuri, Timothy Patrick and her grandparents David and Susanne Malone.

Officer Leath will forever be missed by family, friends and her colleagues at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are eternally grateful for Breann's contributions to our Hoosier community and it is my privilege to honor her today. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I salute Officer Breann Leath for her impact and service to our community. I extend my deepest condolences to Breann's family, her friends, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and the fellow officers who mourn her loss.

RECOGNIZING JEANETTE MAUK

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeanette Mauk, who is retiring on June 5, 2020 after 25 years working tirelessly in the labor movement.

Over the past 13 years at the Ohio AFL-CIO, Jeanette always fought for her members and the hardworking men and women of Ohio. She knows that strong labor is essential to our nation's economic success and to our ability to raise wages and provide family-supporting jobs.

Back in 2018, Jeanette was awarded the Union Sportsmen's Alliance Conservation Steward of the Year. This award recognizes volunteers from each of the USA's charter unions who have made exceptional contributions to organize union volunteers to donate their time and unique trade skills in the preservation of North America's outdoor heritage.

Even with well-deserved accolades, Jeanette knew the real rewards of being involved in the labor movement were giving back to our communities, fostering solidarity among union members, and building bridges between unions and the public.

I thank Jeannette for standing shoulder to shoulder with us in our fight for strong organized labor. Her work has not gone unnoticed. All my best to her in her next chapter.

IN HONOR OF HELEN HORLACHER
EVANS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Helen Horlacher Evans. Mrs. Evans was born in Fortville, Indiana on June 11, 1920 and will soon be celebrating her 100th birthday.