

In God we trust.

ENSURING SAFETY FOR THE AMERICAN FLYING PUBLIC

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, August 1 marks the 10th anniversary of Congress passing landmark legislation to ensure one level of safety for the American flying public.

The success of this legislation belongs to the courageous advocacy of the families of flight 3407, who lost their loved ones in a tragic plane crash in Clarence, New York, in 2009. These families lost sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, friends and loved ones. No one would have blamed them had they gone on to live their lives in quiet solitude. They did not do that.

They turned their personal tragedy into a life-giving force, a citizen army to fight for change so that what happened to them would not happen to others. These families were relentless, pushing Congress to strengthen pilot training standards, as the National Transportation Safety Board found pilot error was responsible for the crash. The families did not blame the pilots, for they, too, were victims. They attacked the system that allowed pilots who were ill-trained to fly planes.

There is still much work to be done, but today we honor and express our gratitude to the good and courageous families of flight 3407.

HONORING BERNELL TRAMMELL

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Bernell Trammell.

Bernell was one of 10 children of Delores Jackson, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who attended Milwaukee Lincoln High School in its heyday. He followed the steps of his grandfather, Cecil Ballenger, who was one of the first African-American businesses in Milwaukee when he founded Expressions Printing.

He was well-read and liked to read the books of Abraham Lincoln and Malcolm X. He was not afraid to speak the truth. He liked to show us signs of Bible verses and signs supporting Trump. He was killed with his Trump sign a little over a week ago.

I would like to read a short Bible verse, which is one of the ones he is pictured with. Matthew, chapter 12, verse 38:

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him saying, Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you. And he answered them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it.

Again, I rise today in honor of Bernell Trammell, who was murdered with his sign a little over a week ago.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING DR. JEAN FRUCI

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jean Fruci, a professional staff member with the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Jean is also one of my most trusted advisers, a former coworker in my personal office, and a true friend.

Jean first came to the Hill in the 1990s as an AAAS fellow, after receiving her Ph.D. in soil science from Cornell University. She had already served in several Member and committee offices before I met her in 2009 on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. Her brilliance and integrity were evident.

After a brief stint away from Capitol Hill to care for her ailing parents, Jean returned to congressional service as my legislative director. She was a valued guide and coach as I worked to earn a place on the Energy and Commerce Committee in early 2013.

Within just a few years, my colleague, Chairman PALLONE, was smart enough to recruit her from my personal office to join the committee, where she would serve both the Subcommittees on Energy as well as Environment and Climate Change, which I now chair. Her work in that capacity has strengthened the quality of our lawmaking and helped countless Americans in ways most will never realize.

Over her congressional career, Jean has served on multiple conference committees, helped authorize and reauthorize numerous vital programs, provided needed oversight, and negotiated many deals. In her exemplary service, she has reminded us time and again of the importance of our work in Congress and its potential to help the people we serve.

Jean is a legendary negotiator. I know this because my colleague from Illinois, Mr. SHIMKUS, would often remark as such. He knows, however, that she is also fair, honest, and does her homework.

Jean, as a STEM professional, your skills and knowledge made me and this institution better.

We need more STEM professionals, more Jean Frucis, to guide us in our policymaking, as the world and our economy become increasingly complex.

Mr. Speaker, Jean has done so much for this House, far beyond what I can convey in these brief remarks. I know all of my colleagues join me in wishing her and her husband, John, a retirement full of health, happiness, travel when safe to do so again, and fulfillment.

You have earned that and more, Jean, and for that I humbly say thank you for what you have done for this institution and for all Americans.

AUTOMOTIVE PARTS HEADQUARTERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Automotive Parts Headquarters in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on 100 years of dedicated service to their customers and their community.

Owning and operating a business is never easy, and reaching this milestone is an important testament to the hard-working people they employ and the services they offer.

Founded in 1920, Automotive Parts Headquarters outgrew their first shop in Minneapolis. Today, they have 125 corporate stores and 36 independent locations across the Midwest.

Automotive Parts Headquarters has stayed true to its roots. In fact, President and CEO Corey Bartlett is the third generation of his family to be involved in the business.

It was an honor to visit Automotive Parts Headquarters recently and learn about the great work they do in the St. Cloud area.

Automotive Parts Headquarters not only supplies parts to repair shops, the company builds partnerships with their customers to help them grow.

Automotive Parts Headquarters also supports the communities where they operate, contributing to charities like the American Cancer Society, Toys for Tots, and WACOSA.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Automotive Parts Headquarters for their continued service to our communities and congratulate them for 100 years of incredible service in Minnesota.

DON'T LET UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXPIRE

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, in the summer of 1789, according to a story, there was a famine in France. The people didn't have enough bread to eat, and they approached the queen, and they said: Queen Marie Antoinette, the people do not have enough bread to eat.

According to the story, she said: Well then let them eat cake.

Showing the most callous disregard for what the lives of the people actually was like, assuming that without enough bread to eat they actually had cake lying around, that is ridiculous.

Mr. Speaker, that is almost certainly an apocryphal story; it didn't really happen. But now, here, in America, we have a real-life American Marie Antoinette.

Showing the most cavalier disregard for the plight of the American people, allowing UI to expire without negotiating, without talking, without trying to extend relief, Senator MITCH MCCONNELL, don't risk letting our economy