

the short time since, she has managed to build their board, collaborate with new community organizations to support their suicide awareness and fundraising events, and build coalitions with other suicide prevention organizations in Polk County. She is inspired by her volunteers' dedication to the mission of AFSP and the stories they share with her. "When I started for AFSP, it was shocking to me how many people's lives have been touched by suicide," said Joani. At the age of 18, she too experienced the loss of her boyfriend when he took his life.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Iowa is a grassroots organization that focuses on eliminating death by suicide through programming, events, and providing vital resources to Iowans in need.

Their programs educate people from different backgrounds about the risk factors and warning signs of suicide. They also work hard to raise much-needed funds for research and programs that provide support to people who have lost individuals to suicide.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, AFSP's Iowa Chapters have successfully transitioned their in-person programming to virtual offerings, providing over 500 presentations in just four months. They have also created an additional program: Enhancing Mental Health during COVID-19.

Preventing suicides is no small task. Joani believes that continuing to have conversations is a critical part of suicide prevention as it destigmatizes the topic and makes people more comfortable confronting it. As new obstacles continue to present themselves during this pandemic, we are fortunate and grateful to have people like her running vital organizations in Iowa. While Joani humbly credits the success of AFSP to her volunteers, we know it would not be the organization that it is today without her dedication towards its success and the elimination of suicide in the state of Iowa.

It is my honor to recognize Joani Moller as our Iowan of the Week. I will continue to work in Congress to ensure everyone has access to accessible and affordable health and mental health care so that Joani's goal of zero suicides becomes a reality.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD BERRY'S
TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR VET-
ERANS

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Howard Berry of Cincinnati, Ohio, who passed away on June 17, 2020, for his tireless advocacy for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

After tragically losing his son, Joshua, a U.S. Army veteran, to suicide, Mr. Berry dedicated himself to veteran mental health issues and veteran suicide. His advocacy throughout Greater Cincinnati led to expanded resources and programs for veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Recognizing a serious problem, Mr. Berry started Flags for Forgotten Soldiers, which placed American flags on the graves of servicemembers who died from suicide to honor their service. Flags for Forgotten Sol-

diers has now been replicated in 32 other states.

Mr. Berry was passionately committed to raising awareness about veteran suicide, and in February 2020, Ohio became the first state in the nation to dedicate a highway and recognize veteran suicide in that way.

I thank Howard for his commitment to drawing greater attention to this issue and providing better resources and care for our nation's brave and deserving veterans. Our community is grateful for his many years of advocacy and contribution.

REMEMBERING BRIAN PATRICK
O'DONNELL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brian Patrick O'Donnell, of Akron, Ohio, who passed away on September 1, 2020.

Born in Altoona, PA, Brian lived most of his life in Akron, Ohio. He was a diehard Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns fan and loved fishing, especially with his grandchildren.

Brian was an amazing baseball player himself, playing for his high school alma mater, South High School in Akron. Mr. O'Donnell loved spending time with his family and dutifully served our country in the United States Army. After leaving the Army, Brian worked for the Finest, Tops, and Giant Eagle food chains for over 30 years.

Brian was preceded in death by his grandmother, Grandma Burks; brother Leon (Lee) Jones, Jr.; mother-in-law, Ruth Mosley; brothers-in-law, Robert Mosley and Roger Mosley, Sr.

Brian leaves to cherish his life and legacy, the love of his life, Velze (Mosley) O'Donnell, his wife of 42 years; children: Camilla (Franklin) Lewis, Tara Mosley Samples, Gordon Mosley and Donte Mosley, Sr.; parents, Margaret Jane O'Donnell (Leon) and Thomas Alfred O'Donnell; siblings: Thomas O'Donnell (Shirley), Deborah Mosley (Derrick), David O'Donnell, Beanne Clipper, Leon Jones (Wendy), Farrah O'Donnell and Christopher Jones (Mandy); 25 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

I am proud to represent the great City of Akron, along with Mr. O'Donnell's daughter, Councilwoman Tara Mosley Samples. My sincerest thanks to Mr. O'Donnell for his brave service to our country. My deepest condolences go out to Brian's family and to all whose lives he touched.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FRANCIS
G. NEWLANDS MEMORIAL RE-
MOVAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Francis G. Newlands Memorial Removal Act. This bill would remove

the plaque and inscription bearing Francis G. Newlands' name from Chevy Chase Circle, a federal park located both in the District of Columbia and Maryland. I am pleased that Representative JAMIE RASKIN joins me in introducing this bill.

Newlands was a U.S. senator from Nevada, a conservationist and the founder of the Chevy Chase Land Company, which developed the Chevy Chase neighborhood that touches D.C. and Maryland. Newlands was also a segregationist. He built Connecticut Avenue and dedicated it to D.C., and ran a streetcar up the road to the newly built Chevy Chase Lake. However, homes on Connecticut Avenue were purposely priced to keep working families out, and covenants were later added to many of the property deeds in Chevy Chase explicitly prohibiting the land from ever being owned by African Americans or Jews. These covenants have since been declared void. He also used his conservatism as a way to keep Black and white Americans separate. In the late 1800s, he and Senator William Stewart secured 2,000 acres of land for Rock Creek Park. Establishing this park not only increased property values for landowners like Stewart and Newlands, but also kept white communities distinct from emerging Black communities on what they called the "wrong side of the park." Newlands' racist views went even further. In 1912, he called for the repeal the 15th amendment, which gave African American men the right to vote.

The fountain was established in 1932 by Congress. In 1990, the Chevy Chase Land Company also added the plaque next to the fountain. My bill would remove Newlands' name from the fountain and remove the plaque entirely. A resolution to remove Newlands' name from the fountain was first introduced by the Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission in 2014, and on July 27, 2020, the Commission voted unanimously to ask the National Park Service to remove the bronze plaque bearing Newlands' name and to begin discussion on a new name for the fountain. My legislation would gift both the plaque and the inscription on the fountain to Newlands' descendants.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MANJIT
SINGH

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. COSTA, to honor the life of Manjit Singh and to recognize his valiant act of heroism. On August 5th, 2020 Manjit Singh heroically sacrificed his own life while rescuing three children that were being swept away by a strong current at the Kings River near Reedley, California. Manjit was enjoying a summer day when he saw the children struggling in the water. Without hesitation, he jumped in to save them. Manjit and other bystanders were able to pull two of the children to safety but when returning to the water to save the third child, Manjit was swept away. He was just 29 years old.