

Carol's commitment to Miami's Jewish community and the State of Israel is exemplary, and I am proud to call her my very dear friend.

I will miss her guidance and wisdom, but our loss is her husband, Alan, and her family's gain.

I wish her a hearty mazel tov on her retirement, and I am grateful for her invaluable work and her dear friendship.

RECOGNIZING SWISHER ACQUISITION, INC.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. HARTZLER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Swisher Acquisition, Inc., of Warrensburg, Missouri, on their success producing American-made products.

Swisher-branded products were chosen to participate in the White House's fourth annual Made in America Product Showcase on October 5. This event celebrates the hard work and dedication of American workers, businesses, and their products. Businesses from each of the 50 States have been invited to display their American-made products at the White House.

It is an honor and achievement for Swisher Acquisition, Inc. to be selected to represent the great State of Missouri, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

Swisher Acquisition, Inc. is an outdoor power equipment manufacturer dating back to 1945. All products are American-made and commercially graded and carried in stores around the world, such as Home Depot, Cabela's, Atwoods, and more.

At the showcase, the Swisher Brand Outdoor Power Equipment; ESP Branded Safe Rooms, Tornado, and Storm Shelters; Swisher Branded Agricultural Products; and the new 2021 Huckleberry's Hammers and LogOX Brand Products will be on display.

I encourage all to take the opportunity to view all displayed American-made products and see the outcome of American ingenuity.

Please join me in congratulating Swisher Acquisition, Inc. on this tremendous accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the All Saints' Church in Nevada, Missouri, and to celebrate its 150th year of incorporation as a parish on All Saints Day, which will be recognized on November 1.

In November 1870, the All Saints' Church in Nevada was officially organized, and their church building was completed. The parish began making positive impacts in their local community that continue today.

The All Saints' parish expresses their love for their fellow neighbors through supporting the community outreach food pantry with donations of food and volunteering.

All Saints' also has been a pivotal supporting figure through their care for domestic violence victims and their selfless service to their neighbors and strangers alike.

I want to congratulate the All Saints' Church in Nevada, Missouri, for 150 years of service to the Lord and to the community. I wish them God's continued blessings in the coming year.

May your next 150 years be just as impactful as your first 150 years.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF WILLIAM LANE

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, last June marks the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean war. I rise today to honor a selfless hero of that war, William Lane. He is a resident of Lebanon, Missouri, and a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

Sergeant First Class Lane was a medic in the 24th Infantry Division, among the first contingent of U.S. soldiers sent to Korea in 1950. He frequently risked his life to render medical assistance and evacuate wounded soldiers in the Battles of Chonan, Taejon, and the Pusan Perimeter.

Assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regiment, his unit sustained a casualty rate of 39 percent by mid-August. By the end of the month, there were only 184 men of the original 1,898. This casualty rate is equivalent to some of the bloodiest battles of World War II.

Without the efforts of men like Sergeant Lane and his fellow soldiers, the outcome of the war may have been decisively different. Sergeant Lane would later go on to serve his country for 21 years in the United States Army.

From the frozen tundra of Korea to the jungles of Vietnam, Sergeant Lane went wherever his Nation called him. I commend him for his service, and I thank him for his commitment to defending our Nation and the freedom-loving people of Korea and Vietnam.

RECOGNIZING BATES COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bates County Memorial Hospital and their continuous community service over the last 60 years.

In 1926, a dedicated community servant, Mrs. S.C. Stayton, saw a need for a local rural hospital in the growing city of Butler, Missouri. After renting a two-story house, she furnished the five rooms upstairs for patients, and the first patient was admitted shortly after, on June 17, 1926.

In 1932, during the Great Depression, Stayton convinced the city to purchase property for a new hospital. On September 16, 1960, Bates County Memorial Hospital officially opened. In its first 5 months, 564 patients were admitted, and 87 babies were born.

Over the years, Bates County Memorial has gone through many additions, improvements, and regulation demands. However, Stayton's original vision remains, a vision of keeping a healthy hospital presence in rural communities.

Please join me in congratulating Bates County Memorial Hospital on 60 years of service and giving a huge thank-you to all the staff for continuing to serve during these uncertain times.

SPEAKING TO THE SOULS OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am so glad that my colleague invoked God's name on the floor of the House. As I stand here, I can read the words "In God We Trust."

We are blessed by a Nation that has the right and the protections to express our faith, our love of the God we love. And so I thought this morning I was compelled to come to the floor because I believe in a God of love, and my Christian faith believes in the sacrifice He made so that we might live and, as well, to recognize that He protects us all.

As we go through this road of trepidation with COVID-19, as I mourn for more than 200,000 Americans, many of whom lost their lives because of ill-fated policies by the administration, I thought it was imperative that I speak to the souls of America because, as my predecessor, the Honorable Barbara Jordan, I have faith in this Nation. She was a good mentor for me and many others. She was a patriot, and I have tried to be every day of my life.

I honor the men and women who put on the uniform, young boys and girls almost, young men and women throughout the ages. I acknowledge the fact that, even with bondage in their DNA, slaves volunteered, ex-slaves, to fight in the Civil War, but they fought in wars before, including the Revolutionary War.

The heritage of African Americans and Black Americans in this country is wrapped in the love of the Nation. The times that we have stepped out to be able to demand justice for our Nation and for everyone, it has not been against the flag; it has been to empower the flag to symbolize the right thing.

How many people realize the number of African Americans who died during the civil rights movement? I didn't say the Civil War. We lost many in the civil rights movement.

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Yes, we know, tragically, brave men and women who were not Black who came to help lost their lives. The three Mississippi boys, Viola Liuzzo, and others lost their lives because they believed in a better America.

Then I am reminded of the beginnings of the takeover of a beautiful country called Germany by Nazism. The words that I remember in a historical perspective is: It was the silence that killed us.

Dr. King said that it is not the good people who fail, but it is those who

stand by silently and say nothing—so, too, the head of this Nation.

It might have been a lot of bickering on Tuesday night in your mind, Mr. Speaker, but I can say to you that it was a painful experience for so many when we could not hear the simple words of condemnation of white supremacy, even when, as the senior member of the Homeland Security Committee, I have heard over and over again, a member of the Judiciary Committee, Director Wray of the FBI that the most dangerous domestic terrorist threat in the United States—not my words, his words—is white supremacy, or those words coming, as well, from the head of the Homeland Security Department, the Secretary.

I offered an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that was adopted that directs the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress the extent, if any, of the threat to national security posed by domestic terrorist groups and organizations motivated by a belief system of white supremacy such as boogaloo boys and proud boys extremists. I am proud of the House. Obviously, it was adopted in a bipartisan commitment. I am proud that Members joined in by their acquiescence and affirmation that this is not America.

But over these last couple of days, social media is raging. When that question was posed to the existing and sitting President of the United States, we heard these words when they asked would you condemn the proud boys' violence, "stand back and stand by."

Mr. Speaker, as I close, let me say that white supremacy is going to strangle us and our values. I beg of this leadership and I beg of all of us to stand against it, to fight against it, and to save lives, because those lives are precious American lives, and we are not that way. We are better than this, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to efforts to legitimize violent White Nationalists groups.

Over the last several months, I have raised concerns over the role that Boogaloo and Proud Boys have played in bringing an element of violence into the otherwise peaceful protests following the death of George Floyd.

During the House Consideration of the NOAA, I offered an amendment that was adopted to direct the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress the extent, if any, of the threat to national security posed by domestic terrorist groups and organizations motivated by a belief system of white supremacy, such as the Boogaloo and Proud Boys extremists.

During the first Presidential debate the President had the opportunity to condemn Proud Boys, which he could not or would not do.

In the light of day, he claims ignorance of who or what Proud Boys is—which sounds like the same words he used about not knowing David Duke—a former Grand Wizard of the KKK who endorsed him during his first Presidential Election.

The President in the interviews with Robert Woodward has proven himself to be anything but ignorant or uninformed.

He has shown his willingness to use his knowledge for his benefit while keeping his knowledge hidden from others at their expense.

What I know is that Congress has been briefed on the national security threat posed by Proud Boys and Boogaloo Boys, which means the President has also been briefed.

On May 30, 2019, the FBI issued an Intelligence Bulletin on Anti-Government, Identity Based, and Fringe Political Conspiracy Theories Very Likely Motivate Some Domestic Extremists to Commit Criminal, Sometimes Violent Activity, which includes the activities associated with Proud Boys and Boogaloo Boys.

Proud Boys is described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group.

The ADL describes Proud Boys as:

Ideology: Primarily alt lite: Misogynistic, Islamophobic, transphobic and anti-immigration. Some members espouse white supremacist and anti-Semitic ideologies and/or engage with white supremacist groups.

In sum, the Proud Boys is a far-right neofascist organization that admits only men as members and promotes political violence.

The group believes men—especially white men—and Western culture are under siege; their views have elements of white genocide conspiracy theory.

While the group claims it does not support white supremacist views, its members often participate in racist rallies, events, and organizations.

The organization glorifies violence, and members engage in violence at events they attend; the Southern Poverty Law Center has called it an "alright fight club".

The President's message when asked about condemning the White Supremist Group—Proud Boys, was to say to them "Stand Back and Stand By."

It surprises absolutely no one that "Stand Back and Stand By," means to be ready.

Ready for what?

The intelligence community has been sending warnings to the White House and Congress that groups like Proud Boys are a threat to our national security and have been waiting for someone like the President to incite others to join them in order to grow their numbers to spread violence.

As I speak, the Internet is ablaze with activity from the Proud Boys in celebration and elation of their favorable recognition of the President.

Proud Boys created a new image to signify the President's message to them, "Stand Back and Stand By."

We know from experience how people like members of Proud Boys react when they believe they have legitimacy from the President; they take it as a license to continue their violent activities as we said four years ago, culminating in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Proud Boys may use the phrase "Stand Back and Stand By" to describe the overwhelming majority of white Americans who are not aware of or interested in the activities of the group or any white supremacist group, but may intend to support this President in November despite his obvious flaws.

The unfortunate truth for voters who think their vote this November is not at risk of sending an affirming nod to Proud Boys or groups like them—then they should think again.

President's own acts makes this election no longer about Red or Blue States, Democrats

and Republicans, but about whether you condone racism, misogyny, or political and election violence.

White Nationalists will interpret every white voter's vote for Trump as a vindication of their hate, misogyny, and rage against non-whites and independent women.

Let us not be fooled, these groups hate a lot of things—and the color of a person's skin is just one of those things—they also hate women who are educated, who are leaders, who dare to think for themselves; they hate white men who form families with persons of other races, and they hate white men who will hire, promote, and support persons of color and women in employment; they hate education, public order, peace and justice that adhere to equality for all.

They do love one thing—violence.

Our role as Members of Congress is to defend and protect the American people, no matter their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or country of origin.

White Nationalists have been busy looking for fights and igniting violence at peaceful street protests.

We saw them in Charlottesville, Virginia and have seen them trying to end state and local measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and carrying out violence at George Floyd protests.

Now the President is inviting Proud Boys to polling locations during ballot casting.

COVID-19 is presenting a heightened barrier and challenge to voting in the November 3rd election.

The validity of the American vote and the ability for Americans to exercise their vote is in jeopardy from a President who seems to be at war with the free and fair election process.

Over the years, it has become increasingly hard for citizens to realize their voting rights—particularly for African Americans and other minorities, as well as for students, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities.

Voter suppression measures across the country in the past included: new voter ID laws, reductions and cuts to polling places and early voting, and purging of voter rolls, but today there are challenges being made to mail-in voting during a time of COVID-19 when in-person voting would pose health risks to many voters.

The doubts the President is seeking to create around mail-in voting are resulting in significant burdens for individuals seeking to exercise their most fundamental constitutional right.

With varied systems of election administration and technology, polling place practices, and inexperienced poll workers, there is a real and dangerous threat that White Nationalists may take this opening provided by the President to compromise our nation's electoral process.

During a time when the voting rights of minorities and all Americans are under the greatest attack since the passage of the Voting Rights Act, it is imperative that the federal government take all necessary steps to ensure that the right to vote and the entire electoral process is fully protected and upheld.

It is important to know and understand that the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act never mention color, ethnicity, or race.

Both of these laws are to preserve and protect basic human rights and dignity owed to each person.

This may be the election year when the voting rights of a majority of Americans may need both of these laws.

That is why I am asking the Department of Justice, pursuant to its statutory authority and consistent with its historic role as a guardian of civil rights and liberties, to take immediate action and investigate the full scope of vulnerabilities, security threats and breaches to our electoral and voting process posed by groups like Proud Boys.

This President finds it too difficult to call out those among us who are the truly abhorrent and objectionable because they are at the heart of his political base.

The violence seen during the recent national movement to end the deaths of unarmed black men while in police custody is not the start of the events that have led to the Boogaloo movement or Proud Boys activity.

Groups like these have been around for over a century, most notable is the KKK, which is why they should not be invited to visit polling locations during a public election.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), in the immediate aftermath of Election Day, a wave of hate crimes and lesser hate incidents swept the country with 1,094 bias incidents recorded in the first 34 days following Trump's Election on November 8, 2016.

Of these incidents, the SPLC reports that anti-immigrant incidents (315) remain the most reported, followed by antiblack (221), anti-Muslim (112), and anti-LGBT (109).

Anti-Trump incidents numbered 26 (6 of which were also anti-white in nature, with 2 non-Trump related anti-white incidents reported).

The threats from White Nationalist groups range from decentralized and leaderless accelerationist networks using social media platforms, such as the Boogaloo movement, to more structured, far-right militia extremist groups.

The ideologies undergirding these movements or groups have some similarities to other anti-government and white supremacist beliefs but are often not tied to a single, monolithic ideology.

In addition, in many cases, their adherents' decentralized, and coded use of digital tools poses unique challenges for law enforcement and government officials to identify and track their activity.

These developments in domestic terrorism, as reported in the media and government intelligence reports—coupled with recent arrests and successful violent attacks carried out by “Boogaloo boys” and militia extremists—are troubling.

My concern is that as the nation moves towards a historic national election, the activity of violence instigators like Boogaloo Boys or Proud Boys will increase and lead to attacks becoming more frequent.

This view is heightened given the President's instructions to Proud Boys to “Stand Back” and “Stand By.”

The domestic terrorism issues of greatest concern to me are:

The number of incidents, although small in number, that have involved government employees, contractors or military personnel;

The targeting of places of worship;

Politically motivated attacks or attempted attacks; and

Use of Social media for domestic and international hate groups to collaborate and stoke hate.

Increasingly everyday the President confirms his candidacy as candidate of white supremacy.

A quote from Lincoln's address to Congress in December 1862 come to mind, when he said to this body:

“Fellow-citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this administration, will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance, or insignificance, can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation. We say we are for the Union. The world will not forget that we say this. We know how to save the Union. The world knows we do know how to save it. We—even we here—hold the power and bear the responsibility.”

Due to the rise in online activity of these groups spurred by the President's comments many law enforcement jurisdictions around the nation must prepare for the violence that may come as these groups seek to act out in advance of the election.

This will put additional strain on the budgets of local and state law enforcement agencies already burdened with COVID-19 emergency measures and tight budgets caused by the economic collapse due to this Administration's mismanagement of COVID-19.

Congress must send a unified message that there is no place in the body politic for these groups or these views.

I invite my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do what the President did not do by joining me and Vice President Biden and millions of Americans in condemning the White Supremist Groups.

OPPOSITION TO DEFUNDING POLICE DEPARTMENTS

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of West Lafayette Police Officer Brian Danosky.

On the morning of August 27, Officer Danosky found 22-year-old Troy Moffitt, who was bleeding from a gunshot wound. Not knowing if the shooter was still in the area, Officer Danosky ignored the danger to his life and rushed to save Mr. Moffitt. Officer Danosky applied a tourniquet to Moffitt's leg, an act that saved Mr. Moffitt's life.

Officer Danosky went above and beyond the call of duty and risked his own safety to save the life of a citizen he swore to protect and serve. For that, Officer Danosky will be the third officer in the last 10 years to receive the Silver Merit Award.

I commend Officer Danosky for his act of bravery, and on behalf of all Hoosiers in the Fourth District, I thank him for his service.

Mr. Speaker, I offer Officer Danosky's story to my colleagues not only to highlight his heroic actions, but to remind them that our police officers are dedicated public servants who want to protect their communities.

Unfortunately, there is a growing movement to disparage and defund our

law enforcement officers. There are even some in this Congress who advocate defunding police departments. We are already seeing the disastrous effects happening over our country in cities where they slice police budgets.

New York City took \$1 billion from their police budget amid rising crime. In July, the city saw a 59 percent increase in murders compared to last year.

The city of Minneapolis is pushing to eliminate their police department at a time when they are seeing a spike in murders.

What makes this rise in crime even more tragic is that the victims are often from underserved communities, the same communities, we are told, that will benefit from fewer police officers in their neighborhoods.

These communities are no different from the communities in my district. They want the same thing: good jobs, good schools, safe communities, and a place to raise their families.

I will continue to support our police officers and oppose any efforts to defund them.

SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the millions of Americans who are exercising their Second Amendment right and becoming law-abiding gun owners.

As people across our Nation and across our country watch riots and crime consume our cities and the elected leaders in those cities do little or nothing to stop it, people will ensure they have the means to defend themselves and their family. These millions of Americans who are purchasing these firearms are exercising their God-given and constitutional right to self-defense.

Since March of this year, at least 1.5 million firearms have been sold every month. I pledge to these new gun owners that I will not only work to restore law and order to our communities, but also protect the Second Amendment and make certain every American has the right to protect themselves and their families.

E PLURIBUS UNUM

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my fellow citizens that, despite our differences and beliefs and our deep divisions, we can still come together as one nation under one flag.

We remember the words stitched on our Nation's first seal, “e pluribus unum,” “out of many, one.” No matter where you came from, what creed you follow, or the color of your skin, we are one nation united under the banner of freedom.

This great experiment in self-government that we call the United States of America has been able to achieve great things like defeating Nazi Germany and landing a man on the Moon because we came together as one. When we stand shoulder to shoulder, there is no obstacle our country can't overcome.

I ask every American to reflect and remember the bonds that unite us and