

May God bless you, may God bless Texas, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Transgender Day of Remembrance and honor the memories of far too many transgender or gender-nonconforming people, at least 36 of whom were lost this year to fatal violence, the majority of whom were Black and Latinx transgender women.

I want to take a moment to lift up the names and stories of a few of the Black transgender women who faced violence this year in the city of Philadelphia to honor their memory, because when we fail to acknowledge this issue, we cannot begin to address it.

Dominique “Rem’mie” Fells was murdered on July 9. A friend described her as a beautiful and unique soul. We are heartened by the fact that an arrest in her murder has finally occurred.

Tracy “Mia” Green was murdered on September 28. Her friends and family shared how “her smile was so perfect and so contagious” and how she always made people laugh.

Kendall Stephens was brutally attacked in her own home on August 24. As she was beaten, her attackers yelled transphobic slurs and said they would “come back to finish the job.” Thankfully, Kendall survived the assault and dedicates her work to healing the transgender community in Philadelphia.

This violence is motivated by anti-transgender bigotry, and the intersections of employment, housing, and other forms of discrimination put too many transgender people, particularly transgender women of color, at risk of violence.

This Transgender Day of Remembrance, we honor those lost, honor their survivors. As an ally, I rededicate myself to working for change to protect this community from discrimination and violence.

HONORING LEE PAULL III

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

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my long-term friend, Lee Paull III, of Wheeling, West Virginia, who passed away earlier this month.

There was nothing Lee loved more than his family and being from Wheeling. He was an absolute pillar in the community, a successful business owner, an active member of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Rotary, and a passionate supporter of the Linsly School and Wheeling Hospital,

as well as numerous other organizations.

His active role in political circles earned him the nickname of “Mr. Republican.”

Lee was a proud supporter of conservative values and principles. But most importantly, Lee worked hard to try to make Wheeling, West Virginia, a strong and vibrant community for generations to come.

He and his wife, June, touched the lives of thousands in our area.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, their three children, and six grandchildren as we all mourn his passing.

Lee, you made a difference. You will be missed.

REJECTION OF DEMOCRAT POLICIES

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to welcome my new colleagues who will join the 117th Congress. This group includes individuals from diverse backgrounds, including a historic number of conservative women.

The ideals that these conservative Members stand for are a rejection of the ideals of the radical left.

The American people have spoken and voted against defunding the police, against overreaching legislation to take election independence away from our States, against adding Justices to the Supreme Court, and against moving our country toward the failed policies of socialism.

Instead, the American people are interested in issues that will move our country forward, like supporting our veterans, securing our border, addressing our aging infrastructure, and ensuring our country remains a safe place to live, worship, and raise a family.

In short, the American people want and deserve from their leaders real solutions to problems facing our Nation, and I will continue to work with others toward finding those solutions and advancing our conservative principles.

HONORING THOMAS LOWRY

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Lowry of Taylorville, my friend, who passed away last Sunday.

In 1971, Tom opened a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in our hometown and operated it until he retired in 2015. Tom will be remembered in the community for his dedication to running the KFC and making everyone who walked through the door feel like family.

For a long time, he was also on the board of directors at First National Bank.

But I am going to remember Tom the most because he was my neighbor. After every single snowfall, since I lived right by him, and all of us on the same street, we would never have to wake up to an unplowed driveway because that is just what Tom did.

I am going to miss seeing Tom with his dog on his golf cart rolling down our street, but he is also going to be mostly remembered for the love of his kids and grandkids.

His passing is a loss for Taylorville and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Shannon and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Fran; his kids, Cheryl and Jerry; his grandkids, Joel, Anna, and Jillian; and his sister, Gloria.

Tom, we will miss you, man. May you rest in peace.

CHINA TASK FORCE

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of Republican Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY and Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member MIKE MCCAUL for their hard work on the China Task Force.

After months of meetings and investigations, the task force released 82 key findings and 430 associated recommendations. That number of recommendations demonstrates the important work that we have to do as a Congress to address China's refusal to play by the rules as a global power.

What was most disappointing, Madam Speaker, was that Speaker PELOSI refused to participate in this effort.

Many of the recommendations, and legislation linked with the recommendations, are bipartisan. I have heard it directly from my Democratic colleagues with concerns about China's actions in a variety of areas, from human rights, intellectual property theft, and military incursions in the South and East China Seas, just to name a few.

Tackling China as an issue should be a bipartisan one, and I hope my Democratic colleagues will come to the table in the coming months to collaborate with Republicans on the proper strategy to counter China's decision to threaten the global system.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RURAL HEALTHCARE DAY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize National Rural Healthcare Day.

One in five Americans calls rural America home, including the great people of northern California.