

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACTIVE SHOOTER ALERT ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Active Shooter Alert Act, another strong step to help save lives from the scourge of gun violence.

On average, more than 300 Americans are shot every day across the country—including more than 20 precious children.

Many are horrifically murdered in mass shootings, as we have sadly witnessed in Uvalde, Buffalo and many more communities. And tragically, hundreds more fall victim to the daily massacre of gun crime, which rarely makes the evening news.

These shootings often unfold in the heart of our communities:

- in homes and in our neighborhoods;
- in our schools and on our streets;
- at our malls and in our movie theaters.

But right now, there's no efficient and effective way for law enforcement to warn nearby families to avoid the site of a shooting—which is putting more innocent lives at risk.

That is why, today, the House will pass strong, bipartisan legislation to quickly warn communities when a gunman opens fire.

Our Active Shooter Alert Act will help set up a system similar to AMBER Alerts—helping state and local law enforcement agencies to notify those in the area of an active shooter threat.

With a more unified, streamlined and standardized system, we can keep communities better informed and prevent more innocent families from unknowingly walking into danger.

Let us salute an unyielding champion in the fight against gun violence, Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, for crafting this commonsense and life-saving measure.

And importantly, this vital legislation has the support of many major law enforcement organizations, who have called for its passage, including:

- the National Sheriffs' Association;
- the Major Cities Chiefs Associations;
- the National Association of Police Organizations;
- the Fraternal Order of Police;
- the National Police Foundation;
- and the National District Attorneys Association.

As we pass this bill today, we remain grateful that the Senate will pass bipartisan legislation to prevent gun violence.

While more is needed, this bill will take steps to save lives.

These measures would represent the most significant gun violence prevention legislation in three decades—breaking through the gridlock that has long blocked House-passed bills from becoming law.

At the same time, our Democratic House Majority will never stop fighting for more life-saving measures.

House Democrats have twice passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and the Enhanced Background Checks Act, to secure universal background checks on all gun purchases.

Earlier this month, we passed our Protecting Our Kids Act to:

- raise the age to 21 years old to buy weapons of war;
- ban high-capacity magazines designed for mass murder;
- ensure safe storage to protect our children from tragic accidents;
- and take additional steps to save lives.

Mr. Speaker, our fight to prevent gun violence is of, by and for the children.

Of the children, because they are suffering. It is heartbreaking that, in America, more children die from guns than any other cause.

By the children, because they are leading. We see them marching in the streets, testifying before the Congress, demanding action.

And always For The Children: building a future where every child can reach his or her fulfillment, free from the fear of gun violence.

Protecting our children must be a unifying mission in the Congress—as it is a unifying issue for the American people.

And nowhere will we find more agreement than this commonsense measure to help keep innocent families out of the line of fire.

I urge a strong, bipartisan “aye” vote for this life-saving legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAURA NAKASAKA FOR TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Laura Nakasaka for nearly two years of invaluable service to my office and my constituents in Washington's 1st Congressional District.

Laura joined my office as a Staff Assistant and Press Assistant in September 2020 during the height of the pandemic and has worked tirelessly to ensure my constituents are kept up-to-date on my work for the district. Laura has brought a tremendous positive attitude, hard work ethic, and wonderful creativity to the role.

Over her tenure, she played an instrumental role in overseeing the smooth ramp up of in-person constituent services as we transitioned back to being in the office, training and mentoring our interns to ensure seamless front office operations, and boosting our social media presence through innovative strategies—all while building lasting relationships with my team and those who had the pleasure of getting to know her. In addition, her incredible knowledge of caring for plants has also inspired many in our office to become plant parents themselves. Laura has been an amazing

staffer and a wonderful friend to all in the office, and we will all sorely miss her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Laura Nakasaka and wishing her the best in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING DR. REIN BEEUWKES

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my friend and colleague Congresswoman LORI TRAHAN to recognize the work of Dr. Rein Beeuwkes and his recognition as the first recipient of the MIT Better World Alumni Service Award. This award honors a single MIT alumnus who “has demonstrated the ability, passion, and unwavering commitment for working wisely creatively and effectively to advance the MIT idea for the betterment of humankind.”

In 2005, deeply concerned about the need to move the U.S. and the world to a low carbon sustainable future, Rein recognized that in order to meet even the modest climate goals that had been set, there would need to be major technological breakthroughs. After considerable research, Rein was persuaded that fusion energy could become one of those breakthroughs if government adequately funded it and if the scientists working on fusion directed their focus to getting energy to the grid at a competitive price.

Rein, affectionately known as “fusion man,” has become the evangelist for the potential and promise of fusion energy. Rein has worked tirelessly with the community of fusion scientists to set goals that will bring fusion energy to the grid in this decade. Rein was instrumental in urging the formation of the bipartisan Congressional Fusion Energy Caucus.

Over the past decade, Rein has been an enthusiastic citizen-advocate for an accelerated fusion energy program in which MIT's Plasma Science and Fusion Center has played a leading role. Rein's support for MIT's fusion research helped spur the first commercial nuclear fusion reactor in North America which is being built in Devens, MA by Commonwealth Fusion Systems.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MATT LIFFREING

HON. MICHELLE STEEL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and career of one of my constituents, Matt Liffreing.

Whether with the City of Huntington Beach, or the chamber of commerce, his commitment to serving our community spans many roles

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