

Williamson was recently awarded the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award from the Federal Aviation Administration. This is an award that only 40 South Carolinians have ever received.

I want to express my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Williamson for this much-deserved recognition and thank him for his dedication to keeping his customers safe in the skies.

ANTI-SEMITISM IS A THREAT TO ALL AMERICANS

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, this week, horrific anti-Semitic flyers were distributed across my district in Pennsylvania. I heard from friends and neighbors who found flyers in their front yards or in their driveways. These hateful flyers were found in some cases by children.

I am not going to show nor repeat the flyers' disgusting words because that is what those who spread hate want, for people to amplify their insidious message, one that is on the rise as the Anti-Defamation League records year-to-year increases in anti-Semitism.

I am a proud Jewish American, but anti-Semitism isn't just a threat to those of us who are Jewish. It is a threat to all of us because anti-Semitism, like other forms of bigotry that spread lies and stock hatred, is an existential threat to our values as Americans.

It takes all of us, drawing strength and community from one another, to stand up to those who want to divide us. Let's keep standing together so that, united as neighbors, we can root out the anti-Semitism and hate that endangers our fundamental American values.

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FLYING THE PRIDE FLAG AT EMBASSIES

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I point out that every month in this country, if you include the people who come over here kind of administratively, we hit new records of people who I think are here illegally. That is not going down if you compare month after month.

In any event, currently the Biden administration is encouraging our embassies abroad to fly the so-called pride flag on our embassies, including the Vatican. This is completely inappropriate, and the Biden administration should immediately stop this policy.

America is a blessed Nation that has, I think, been the light of the world. Rather than sending a message to the world that America stands for and is

great because of its freedoms guaranteed under our Constitution and the bravery, faith, purity, and respect for the law of its people, it sends the message that America stands for the LGBT sexual agenda.

Leaving aside the absurdity that any sexually related flag should stand with Old Glory—how ridiculous—this is not the message we want to send to the countries around the world. It is also an insult to the hundreds of millions of Americans who oppose this agenda as well as the hundreds of thousands who made our country great and would be appalled by this.

President Biden, please take down this flag.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, one year ago tomorrow, the Supreme Court overturned a half century of precedent by ending the nationwide guarantee that women be allowed to make choices over their bodies.

Since then, we have seen the devastating result: Numerous States enacting bans that deny a woman's ability to make decisions over her body, oftentimes without any exception.

In the face of this new wave of attacks on reproductive freedom, I have fought with many of my colleagues to preserve access to abortions and to restore a nationwide right to abortion access.

House Democrats produced and passed legislation to ensure women can travel safely and freely to States in which abortion is still legal, have access to contraception, and cover abortions regardless of income or health status.

We will not stop there.

We will continue to push for legislation that will once again allow women everywhere in America to be in charge of their own health decisions.

ALFREDO AND JANE CALVO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two of my constituents, Alfredo and Jane Calvo, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30 this year.

They will be spending this milestone anniversary with their family: Al, Michael, Kari, Leigh, and their young grandson, Tucker.

Jane served in the Henderson County PTA, the North Carolina General Federation of Women's Clubs, and spent 16

years of her career as a staffer for one of my predecessors, the Honorable Congressman Charles Taylor. Jane has also worked for the Social Security Administration.

Alfredo was a volunteer soccer coach at Flat Rock Middle School and East Henderson High School and served in the Social Security Administration for more than a decade.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Alfredo and Jane Calvo on their 50th wedding anniversary. Here is to many more.

HONORING THE LIFE OF IRA SHARP

(Ms. JACOBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Ira Sharp, a beloved member of the greater San Diego community who passed away this month.

Ira was a native of St. Louis, where he came of age organizing sit-ins at segregated restaurants, activating students in support of civil rights, and eventually practicing law.

He later lived here in Washington, D.C., where he and his wife Rose Ann ran a successful small business in legal services and court reporting, and in Naples, Florida, until they retired for good in San Diego.

After their grandson was born and after the Parkland shooting, Ira and Rose Ann cofounded NeverAgainCA, and Ira served on the national board of the Brady Campaign. His fingerprints are on nearly every piece of gun safety legislation in San Diego County and California in the past decade.

Beyond his immense advocacy, Ira was a good friend. If he was proud of you, he would tell you. If you had a cause for him to support, he was there.

May his legacy live on as we continue the work to end gun violence, and may his memory be a blessing.

REJECTING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

(Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reject attempts by the United Nations Special Committee for Decolonization calling for the independence of Puerto Rico.

It is no surprise that Cuba, Nicaragua, Russia, Syria, and Venezuela, who are among the worst human rights violators and antidemocratic regimes in the world are the ones calling for Puerto Rico's independence in an attempt to advance their anti-American agenda and grow their influence in the region.

For 106 years, Puerto Ricans have been proud American citizens, participating in the U.S. Armed Forces in

record numbers. As a U.S. territory and under the U.S. Constitution, it is Congress, not the United Nations, and certainly not a committee made up of authoritarian regimes that has the ultimate responsibility to address Puerto Rico's political status.

Puerto Ricans have made it very clear through votes and democratic elections—something these nations will never learn—we want to join our fellow Americans on equal footing as a full State of the Union.

ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE

(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 to address the epidemic of gun violence our country is experiencing.

On average each year gun violence in America kills some 43,000 people and injures around 76,000 more.

Over and over, our communities are left reeling from senseless tragedy, stuck in a devastating cycle of violence. We can no longer allow this level of pain to be our normal. Change must happen and happen now.

I am proud to have signed the discharge petitions to bring essential gun violence prevention legislation to the House floor, including the Assault Weapons Ban, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, and the Enhanced Background Checks Act.

These are rational and commonsense bills. They are not about taking away rights. They are about protecting our children, families, and communities. They are about taking the fear out of the every day.

Going to school, the grocery store, or even making a wrong turn should not be a death sentence. Our communities deserve better, and I vow to continue to fight for long overdue action to address gun violence in our beloved country.

HIGHLIGHTING THE SERVICE OF LEWIS LYMAN SUMNER

(Ms. BALINT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I often say that Vermont is held together with duct tape, twine, and hundreds of volunteer hours.

I rise today to highlight the work of Lewis Lyman Sumner. His 54-year commitment to the Halifax community has been immeasurably impactful. He served for over half a century on the Halifax Select Board and gave 6 years of service to the National Guard. He is also a 50-year member of the Grange—such incredible public service.

The Sumner family has deep roots in Halifax and has been a staple in that community since they settled there in 1783. Lewis and his family continue to operate their family farm.

Lewis served his community as emergency management director for eight FEMA disasters, working tirelessly to keep Vermonters safe during these emergencies.

Lewis and his wife, Laura, are both dedicated public servants. Laura served as town clerk for 43 years until her retirement in 2010.

I close by thanking Lewis, Laura, and their family for their years of service to southern Vermont.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. ARMY'S 54TH COAST ARTILLERY REGIMENT

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service and the legacy of the United States Army's 54th Coast Artillery Regiment that served during World War II.

As the Army's only all-Black heavy artillery regiment in World War II, they were given used weapons and secondhand uniforms from World War I. Despite that lack of fancy gear and guns, the men of the 54th stood firm and stood fast as they guarded the entire central coast of California, from San Francisco Bay to Port San Luis, from Morro Bay to Monterey Bay, and from Lighthouse Point in Santa Cruz to Point Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove.

Through their service, but also through their social lives, the soldiers impacted and became entwined in our community. They formed a local baseball league during their assignment, and after their service some even returned to the Central Coast to serve our community.

Mr. Speaker, the history of the all-Black 54th Coast Artillery Regiment is not just important to the 19th Congressional District, but it is about the broader story of our military. Americans of all levels, all races, all genders, all creeds coming together to fulfill their responsibility of living in our democracy by defending our communities and serving our country.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF EUGENE GATES

(Ms. CROCKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to mourn the loss of my constituent and a beloved member of the United States Postal Service, Eugene Gates.

On Wednesday, Mr. Gates passed while delivering mail on his route in Dallas, Texas, where the heat index reached temperatures of nearly 115 degrees.

My heart breaks for Eugene's wife, Carla, his children, grandchildren, and everyone in Lancaster, Texas, who called him neighbor and friend.

Mr. Gates was a 40-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service and will be remembered and mourned by many in north Texas who looked forward to his visits every day. He had the heart of a public servant and will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him.

As a member of the Oversight and Accountability Committee, I have continued to uplift and fight my colleagues on the other side of the aisle for respect and to protect and honor those Federal workers just like Mr. Gates instead of belittling them. Mr. Gates should be here.

It is past time that we do the people's work in the people's House. I pray that we honor Mr. Gates' life by offering pragmatic solutions along with our prayers. We need to do this for Eugene, his family, and for all of our letter carriers putting public service before self every single day.

SUPPORTING FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40 brave Nevada Bureau of Land Management wildland firefighters who have selflessly offered their support to battle the raging fires in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I include their names in the RECORD.

Anderson, Truett, Southern Nevada District; Arroyo, Omar, Carson City District Office; Atwater, Trevor, Carson City District Office; Brunjes, Bailey C, Southern Nevada District; Chatham, William A, Carson City District Office; Daniels, Aaron Lee, Carson City District Office; De Raedt, Nick Peter, Carson City District Office; Drake, Lauryn Emily, Carson City District Office; Duenas, Kevin Gerardo, Carson City District Office; Engdahl, Alyssa Grace, Carson City District Office; Esh, Heidi, Carson City District Office.

Evers, Tommy, Carson City District Office; Fonseca, Alex, Southern Nevada District; Giordano, John M, Carson City District Office; Henderson, Theodore A, Carson City District Office; Hucks, Roman B, Carson City District Office; Kalb, Jonathan Matthew, Carson City District Office; Kavle, Henry James, Winnemucca District; Kelly, Kevin, Carson City District Office; Koski, Christine Marie, Carson City District Office; Kracaw, Will A, Winnemucca District.

Li, Ren X, Carson City District Office; Livie, Nathan David, Carson City District Office; May, Wyndham F, Carson City District Office; McGovern, Nicholas B, Southern Nevada District; Mini, Daniel Raymond, Carson City District Office; Monson, Victor Charles, Carson City District Office; Mortimore, Jennifer Lee, Carson City District Office; Murphy, Ayden Patrick, Carson City District Office; Quenga, Kevin, Carson City District Office; Richmond, Levi Robert, South Nevada District.

Rodriguez, Roberto, Carson City District Office; Satterfield, Nathan Robert, Carson City District Office; Shoemaker, Don, Carson City District Office; St Cyr, Andrew T, Carson City District Office; Stephenson, Karl Joseph, Battle Mountain District; Tartaglia, Vincenzo Cesidio, Carson City District Office; Wadsworth, Justin Allen, Carson City