

look around, you will see a lot of people wearing orange.

This day was declared in memory of Hadiya Pendleton, a teen-age girl who was shot and killed in a park 2 years ago. She would have turned 18 today. Hadiya's story is sadly familiar. For Americans under the age of 20, gun violence is now the second leading cause of death.

Mr. Speaker, in recent years, we have lost more children to guns here at home than we did soldiers in Iraq and Afghan. It shouldn't be political to say that these shootings need to stop. I hope we can all agree that America's young people deserve better.

We owe it to Hadiya and those like her to come together on this issue and work to prevent future tragedies. We know that simple solutions like mandatory background checks, which a majority of Americans support, can make all the difference.

Mr. Speaker, the situation is dire, and action is long overdue. I urge my colleagues to act now on sensible gun control.

#### SUPPORT FOR MORE BORDER CONTROL HITS FOUR-YEAR HIGH

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent poll shows that a great majority of the American people continue to oppose President Obama's immigration policies. The new Rasmussen Reports national survey found that 77 percent of likely voters view illegal immigration as a serious problem in America today. Just 19 percent do not.

Most voters, 63 percent, believe that controlling our borders is more important than providing a legal status to those already in the country illegally. This is the highest level of support for border security since 2011. And almost three-fifths of voters think that a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants will just encourage more unlawful immigration. Just one-quarter disagree.

As in prior polls, Mr. Speaker, a strong majority of voters, 62 percent, feel that the United States is not aggressive enough in deporting illegal immigrants. A similar percentage of voters want to use our military along our southern border to prevent unlawful entries.

It is time for the President to heed voters' views on illegal immigration and to enforce immigration laws.

#### NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I am wearing orange in recognition of the first annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Orange is the

safety color hunters wear to alert others of their presence, and this is the perfect color to represent safety with respect to firearms and the value of human life.

Last week, as we honored our troops and celebrated Memorial Day weekend, a wave of gun violence ripped through the city of Chicago, wounding more than 50 people and killing 12. Among the victims were a 17-year-old boy, a 15-year-old girl, and a 4-year-old child.

Mr. Speaker, Congress needs to act now. We can't equip every American with an orange hunting vest, but we can surely take sensible approaches to reduce the threat of gun violence in our communities.

This Congress, I have introduced H.R. 224, which would require the Surgeon General to compile a report on the public health impact of gun violence. This commonsense gun bill can help us understand the public health impact of gun violence and prevent future shootings.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand with me and support commonsense legislation to curb the violence that plagues our Nation. And I want to say happy birthday, Hadiya, and happy birthday, Blair Holt.

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#### SUPPORT OUR NATION'S TRUCKERS

(Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to debate the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, I stand in support of our Nation's truckers.

The trucking industry not only provides Americans with access to goods we need to use every day, but it is also critical to our Nation's economy.

In my home State of North Carolina, there are over 70,000 truckers working for more than 16,000 small businesses.

Perhaps even more impressive is that 86 percent of North Carolina communities depend exclusively on trucks in order to transport consumer products and goods across our State.

This industry is essential to ensure a growing and thriving U.S. economy and to provide crucial support to our Nation's small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the hard-working men and women of this industry who eat their dinners on the road so that we can eat ours at home.

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN AND ALICIA NASH

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of

Princeton University mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr., and his wife, Alicia, two beloved members of the Princeton, New Jersey, community, who died tragically over the Memorial Day weekend.

Many of us knew Dr. Nash for his groundbreaking, award-winning work in mathematics, his practical contributions to economic theory, and his journey to conquer mental illness.

Many more learned his story through its passionate portrayal in "A Beautiful Mind."

He shared the 1994 Nobel Prize, and had just returned from celebrating his receipt of mathematics' highest honor, the Abel Prize.

A University of Chicago economist, Roger Myerson, described Mr. Nash's theories as equivalent to "that of the discovery of the DNA double helix in the biological sciences."

But in New Jersey, we knew both Dr. Nash and Alicia Nash for their kindness, their humility, their devotion to the community, and the many other ways they remained so down to earth after accomplishments that drew international praise and recognition.

#### HONORING JUAN JOSE MALO

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Juan Jose Malo on his retirement as the president of Miami's Ecuadorian-American Chamber of Commerce.

Juan Jose has tirelessly worked to help the Ecuadorian American-owned and -operated businesses in south Florida to prosper, to thrive, and to grow. And he has always demonstrated his trademark diligence by enthusiastically advocating on behalf of all of south Florida's business community.

Juan Jose's generosity has also pushed the Ecuadorian-American Chamber of Commerce to undertake seven medical and humanitarian missions to Ecuador and one to the Dominican Republic.

Juan Jose specifically has sought to bring attention to the plight of the Ecuadorian people by founding the magazine "Revista Remesa," ensuring that our community had the latest political and economic news about Ecuador.

Juan Jose, congratulations on your years of leadership. We know that you will continue your stellar work on behalf of all of south Floridians and the entire Ecuadorian American community.

#### AMERICA'S RED ROCK WILDERNESS ACT

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce America's Red