

Farmers Branch. There, he charmed children every Sunday by showing them his squad car or telling them dry but easy jokes. People at the church were both protected and entertained by Smith. He is survived by his wife, a Catholic school teacher whom he met teaching racquetball to deserving youth at a YMCA, as well as their two beautiful daughters.

Mr. Speaker, the shooting in Dallas is a tragedy of enormous proportions. However, the impact Michael Smith made to the Dallas community and his loved ones is far bigger. Today, we honor his life.

REGARDING H.R. 5631, H.R. 4992
AND H.R. 5119

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the three bills designed to weaken or undermine the nuclear agreement with Iran.

According to the IAEA, which conducts thorough, systematic and regular evaluations of Iran's nuclear energy activities, Iran is complying with its obligations under the JCPOA. The core of the Arak plutonium reactor was dismantled and destroyed, 19,000 centrifuges were put under close IAEA surveillance and 98 percent of Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium was removed out of the country. As long as Iran continues to fulfill its commitments, it is important that the U.S. not jeopardize the accord by abandoning its own. That is why these bills are so reckless.

H.R. 5631 requires the re-imposition of sanctions on individuals and entities that were delisted on Implementation Day; H.R. 4992 re-applies secondary sanctions on Iran's financial sector by prohibiting permissible financial transactions between Iran and the international community that are outside the U.S. financial system; and, H.R. 5119 prevents the U.S. from procuring heavy water from Iran. The United States does not produce heavy water so American industries and labs which need nuclear material for research must seek out international sources. This bill will cut American companies off from that important resource while also forcing Iran to sell its heavy water on the international market, where it can fall into dangerous hands.

The JCPOA is working. It has disassembled key elements of Iran's nuclear program and subjects the Iranians to unprecedented verification and monitoring requirements. As a result, all of Iran's pathways to a weapon have been blocked and the U.S. and our allies are safer. Taken together, these bills will require the U.S. to re-impose sanctions on Iran in violation of our obligation under the agreement to "refrain from any policy specifically intended to directly and adversely affect the normalization of trade and economic relations with Iran."

The JCPOA does not threaten U.S. foreign policy objectives. It does not require the U.S. to abandon its sanctions on Iran for its human rights abuses or terrorist activities. Those sanctions were not affected by the JCPOA in any way. The U.S. also retains its right to target Iran's ballistic missiles activities and to penalize Iran for its destabilizing regional activities.

Before the U.S. signed the agreement, the world was a significantly less safe place. Iran

had thousands of centrifuges spinning to increase its large stockpile of enriched uranium and Iran was only two to three months away from developing a bomb. When the JCPOA was signed, Iran agreed to ship tens of thousands of pounds of enriched uranium out of the country, two-thirds of Iran's centrifuges were dismantled or removed, and the international community was provided unprecedented access to Iran's nuclear facilities and supply chain.

These bills are not tough; they are foolish. They could recklessly endanger the security gains we have made as a result of the JCPOA.

GUN VIOLENCE AND ZIKA

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about a plague wreaking havoc on our nation . . . a sickness that brings in its wake the death of innocent children in communities all across the United States . . . mass shootings in our elementary schools, on our playgrounds, in our homes, stores, restaurants, and places of work. Innocent people are being slaughtered by criminals using military style weapons. . . . like the ruthless killer who shot and killed 49 young kids out having fun at a disco in my congressional district in Orlando, Florida.

Few countries make it easier than the United States for someone to buy an assault weapon to kill their victims in a matter of minutes. The horrific massacre in Orlando is only the latest example, and Mr. Mateen was able to kill so many people mainly because the assault rifle he was using could fire 30-round clips as fast as he could pull the trigger. No civilian anywhere should be allowed to have that ability. These types of weapons should be reserved only for our brave men and women in the military.

And so I take to the House floor once again, to demand that the House majority allow a vote on commonsense gun violence prevention legislation. Although not a cure all, we need to do all we can to help keep military type assault weapons out of dangerous hands so mass killings like the one that took place just last month in my district, which was, incidentally, the worst mass shooting in our nation's history, never happens again.

Month after month—Republicans in the House of Representatives have refused to increase funding to combat a dangerous public health crisis that is already hitting our country, and that has already arrived in my State of Florida: Zika virus.

Along with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the Florida congressional delegation, I am imploring the House of Representatives to consider fully funding efforts to combat this horrible disease. Indeed, over 250 people in the State of Florida have been diagnosed with Zika, including 43 pregnant women. This virus is not only a threat to our health and the health of pregnant mothers, but also to our economy and our everyday lives. And shifting funds from one public health crisis like Ebola, to another, is absolutely NOT an acceptable solution.

If we do not act immediately, we will see more and more babies born with Zika virus, and trying to figure out why Congress did not do more to help them. Congress needs to immediately provide the funding necessary for mosquito eradication, vaccine research, and our local community health centers so they can provide screenings and comprehensive health services.

HONORING CHANDLER RALPH ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Chandler Ralph, the Chief Executive Officer of Adirondack Health.

Ms. Ralph has dedicated 21 years of public service to the Adirondack community by expanding vital medical services across the Tri-Lakes Region. She first took the reins of Adirondack Medical Center as President and Chief Executive Officer in 1995. Since then, Ms. Ralph has worked tirelessly to provide access to quality patient care and has shown a firm commitment to improving the lives of those her organization has served.

Throughout her career, Ms. Ralph has served as the Vice President for Operations and Planning at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Senior Manager with the Health Care Operations Consulting Group for Ernst & Young, and President and CEO for Mercy Center for Health Services at Mercy Hospital in Watertown, New York, before arriving at Adirondack Medical Center.

In her community, she has been actively involved in organizations such as St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, the Saranac Lake Rotary Club, the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation, and the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Professionally, Ms. Ralph is a member of the American Hospital Association, the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), the ACHE's Regent's Advisory Committee, the Northeastern New York Healthcare Association, the Federation of American Health Systems, the Adirondack Health Institute, the New York State Medicaid Redesign Task Force, and the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. In addition, she is the founding chair of the Helena Ptochia Foundation, which strives to raise capital and operational funds to build and operate a hospital for women injured during childbirth in Ghana, West Africa.

These accomplishments have earned Ms. Ralph the Adirondack Health Foundation's Dr. Edward L. Trudeau Award, the Greater Watertown Chamber of Commerce Athena Award, the New York State Woman of Distinction Award, the Friends of Mercy Award, the Health Care Association of New York State's Innovation Award for establishing the North Country Uninsured Task Force, the American College of Healthcare Executives' Regent's Award, and the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award.

On this day, I want to take a moment to thank Ms. Chandler Ralph for her years of service to our district. Chandler, congratulations on your retirement, you are a true leader

and the North Country community thanks you for making this your home. Your humble leadership and key knowledge will be missed by many.

HONORING ALICE MARY MOORE'S
EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND SIX-
TIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Alice Mary Moore, who will celebrate her 80th birthday on July 17, 2016. Alice's parents immigrated from County Antrim and County Longford, Ireland to Queens, New York where they raised a strong-willed Irishwoman with a sharp sense of humor. At age 20, she met Charles Moore and they married a few weeks later in the Upper West side of Manhattan at the Roman Catholic Church of the Ascension. Charles later joined the United States Army and his proud service as a cook brought him and Alice to overseas posts in Germany and Kenya and to domestic posts across the United States. Throughout these adventures, she gave birth to five amazing children before she and Charles eventually settled in Virginia. Undoubtedly, these experiences instilled in Alice her intense and unyielding zest for life that is as vibrant today as ever. This year, Alice will have celebrated both her 80th birthday and her 60th year of marriage surrounded by her loving friends and family dancing at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503 and enjoying life in a fancy hat at a beautiful vineyard in Virginia. On behalf of her grandchildren, I am honored to recognize the incredible life of Alice Mary Moore on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO MARINE PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS GILES McCOY AND
THE USS "INDIANAPOLIS" CREW

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Marine Private First Class Giles McCoy, and the rest of the USS *Indianapolis* crew who were on board before the ship was tragically sunk on July 30, 1945 just after midnight. Of the 1,196 members who were on board, 900 were able to make it into the water. The men floated in the water while at the mercy of the sharks lurking beneath them. The Captain of the ship was not alerted that there were enemies in the water due to the fact that his ship was carrying crucial parts for the atomic bomb.

The crew was sure that they would be rescued after they did not show at their destination; however, due to the secrecy of the mission, the Navy did no such thing. Slowly, the men perished in the water due to lack of hydration and the merciless shark attacks that kept on coming. Out of the 900 men who made it into the water, only 317 made it out alive. They were accidentally spotted by Lieu-

tenant Gwinn while he was on patrol in an airplane. This event happened four days after the ship sunk. They were rescued after five.

Tragically, the Navy court martialed Captain McVay for not taking precautions like zig zagging his ship to avoid enemy fire; however, he was not made aware of the possible enemies lurking nearby the vessel. Captain McVay was shamed publicly for being responsible for the deaths of his crew. He was a recipient of so much hate mail that he tragically committed suicide in 1968. He was seventy years old. The surviving crew has publicly said that they do not believe the Captain was at fault, and in 1999 a hearing was held with a survivor, in the Senate.

One survivor, Cleatus Lebow, said at the hearing that Captain McVay was unjustly court martialed. His name was cleared with a Senate resolution in the year 2000. In 2001, the Secretary of the Navy ordered Captain McVay's record to be cleared. The brave crewmembers inspired many movies like *Men of Courage* that was released in 2016. I stand here today to honor my constituent who survived the sinking, Marine Private First Class Giles McCoy. I honor all of the crew that perished and those who survived.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN WES-
LEY R. McCALL, COMMANDING
OFFICER OF NAVAL STATION
MAYPORT

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Wesley R. McCall, the Commanding Officer of Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, on a job well done. Captain McCall has served the Navy and our Jacksonville community with dedication and distinction for the last three years and will continue his military service in Washington with the Naval Installations Command.

Capt. McCall served at NS Mayport during a time of numerous construction projects and increases in the number of ships and sailors at the station, all of which added to the challenges of providing superb quality support to the Fleet, families and warfighters. In order to accomplish these tasks, he managed the Naval Station Mayport Shore Installation Planning Board that solicited tenant command inputs in a comprehensive review of facilities requirements for planning and prioritization of MILCON and Special Project Program successes.

A few of the events and projects that were authorized by Congress and completed during Captain McCall's tenure include the opening of the \$26.5 million Fitness Center project in October 2013, and the completion of the Littoral Support Facility, which is the first of several facilities constructed in support of the new Littoral Combat Ship Program, which is headquartered on the East Coast at Mayport. Additionally, \$26.5 million in repairs and upgrades to Charlie Wharf has resulted in the station's first double-decker wharf.

Capt. McCall and his staff welcomed 2000 sailors and their families as the Amphibious Readiness Group, that includes the USS *Iwo Jima*, USS *Fort McHenry*, and USS *New York*,

was homeported in Mayport in August 2014. He also successfully hosted the highly visible first East Coast visit of the People's Liberation Army Navy's visit to NS Mayport from China.

Within the community, Capt. McCall was a champion for the Navy and of the Beaches area. He was the lead representative from five military services and 15 municipalities in the 2015 Jacksonville Sea and Sky Spectacular Air Show. The event, highlighting 26 aircraft, afforded more than half a million local residents of the Navy's third largest fleet concentration area a unique view of naval aviation highlighted by the Blue Angels. His unwavering support of three Porsche Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance events generated for the first time more than \$100,000 in donations to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society.

Wes also served on the Beaches Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and he and his wife Reyna were very active with the USO. They both attended every No Dough Dinner in order to help serve meals to sailors and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in thanking Captain McCall for his leadership and his service at Naval Station Mayport and wish him and his wife fair winds and following seas as they transition to Washington, DC.

GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I stand in solidarity with my colleagues to demand commonsense legislation to address the epidemic of gun violence in America.

Last week, I spoke on the House Floor in memory of Coral Wilson, a mother of 8 who was shot and killed on May 11, 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama by a domestic abuser. The shooter broke into the home of Ms. Wilson, and used a gun to murder her and shoot four of her children.

Ms. Wilson was the 7th domestic gun violence homicide victim and the 41st gun violence homicide victim in Birmingham this year—Mr. Speaker, these deaths were never acknowledged by a moment of silence on the House Floor.

Congress has repeatedly failed to pass commonsense gun safety measures that would protect our communities. Too much blood has been shed and we need action. We need stronger laws that prevent gun violence and we need it now.

Make no mistake—strengthening background checks, eliminating gun show loopholes, and preventing potential terrorists and criminals from acquiring assault weapons will not limit the rights of lawful gun owners to protect and defend themselves.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while sitting in a Birmingham, Alabama jail, wrote, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Mr. Speaker, enough is enough—the injustice of gun violence affects each and every one of our communities. Now is the time to take action to unite as one great nation and work together to secure justice for all Americans. Injustice anywhere—Orlando, Baton Rouge, Falcon Heights, Dallas, Birmingham—is a threat to justice everywhere.