

badly needed jobs to thousands of Georgians and to our military veterans.

What an extraordinary person Ms. Jocelyn Dorsey is. She has been with this station, WSB, for 43 years. That is very significant because WSB Television has been in existence for 67 years—43 years out of the station's 67 years of existence. As famous WSB sportscaster Chuck Dowdle said, Jocelyn Dorsey is the backbone of WSB Television.

Mr. Speaker, she loves her motorcycle, and she rode that motorcycle all the way from Alaska to Key West, Florida, and raised \$250,000 for the Special Olympics. You talk about God's work. That is it that she is doing—7,630 miles. It took her 21 days.

I am telling you, Mr. Speaker, that God gives us His loving kindness and His grace by His divine calling to certain persons. Such a person is Jocelyn Dorsey, and we in the United States Congress today take great pride in having her story, which is a great American story, enshrined into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and into the congressional Library of Congress for all times, for generations to come—forever.

God bless Jocelyn Dorsey with WSB Television, and God bless the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, and God bless the United States of America.

JOCELYN DORSEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LOUDERMILK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Mr. DAVID SCOTT, for coordinating this tribute to Jocelyn Dorsey.

I am honored to recognize Jocelyn Dorsey, who is being inducted into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, for her steadfast commitment to journalism excellence.

Jocelyn has served the Atlanta, Georgia, region for over 40 years in her reporting for WSB-TV. During her career, she has been recognized for her work ethic and devotion to the field of journalism. Jocelyn's commitment to excellence quickly advanced her career, and she has served as the director of editorial and public affairs at Channel 2 since 1983.

She has received numerous awards for her work with WSB-TV, including seven Southeast Regional Emmys for Editorial Excellence from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Jocelyn was also the first woman and the first African American to receive the Georgia Association of Broadcasters' Citizen of the Year Award, which is a lifetime achievement award.

Her work speaks for itself, but she is more than a reporter, anchor, and director. Jocelyn is the mother of two sons and is a grandmother. She is also an active volunteer in her community,

and she rode her Harley-Davidson around the country, raising thousands of dollars for the Special Olympics of Georgia.

As the Atlanta Magazine puts it, Jocelyn is a "woman making a mark." She is truly an inspiration to the journalism community.

Congratulations, Jocelyn Dorsey, on your well-deserved induction into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

JOCELYN DORSEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to say a few words about Jocelyn Dorsey.

Jocelyn Dorsey has won some of the highest honors the field of broadcasting has to offer, and, in many categories, she has been the first one to do it. She is an Emmy award-winning journalist and is the first African American woman to appear on a daily news show in Atlanta. She is the first woman and the first African American to receive the Georgia Association of Broadcasters' lifetime achievement award, Citizen of the Year, among many other honors. She has achieved so much. I will not have enough time here to mention it all.

I have known Jocelyn ever since she first came to Atlanta so many decades ago. How do you put into a few short words the gift that is 40 years of one person's life? It is not easy to sum up all we have seen together, all she has done, and what she means to our community, to our city, to our State, and to our Nation. But when you boil it all down, Jocelyn Dorsey stands for trust and credibility, generosity and human kindness.

Jocelyn is a professional who shines in the spotlight, who deserves the fame and the acclaim. But the reason she lasted 40 years in a tough business is that she loved the people and the institution she served. We could feel it, and we loved her back.

Jocelyn wants to touch people. She wants to do something that helps create life-changing outcomes for those around her. Her work was not a job; it was a way of life. She has traveled the length and breadth of America on her motorcycle, even as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska, meeting people as she went.

She served on community boards in Atlanta that help the disabled, that mentor young girls, that support minority businesses, children's shelters, voter empowerment, and many other worthy causes. She gave her time and used her power as a broadcaster, not because it was fashionable but because it was the right thing to do. It was right. Jocelyn Dorsey has won just about every accolade she could have won in her region.

I don't know whether I can offer any words that would surpass what she has

already heard. But we brought her here to the House of Representatives to celebrate her retirement because she is committed and dedicated to the citizens of this country—a woman who took her responsibility as an American seriously and did all she could to help others in any way she could.

I know and truly believe that WSB is so sorry to see her go, but, as a community, we are glad to know where she will stay—in our hearts. She will be forever in the hearts of all of our people and at the center of public service in our community.

Thank you, Jocelyn Dorsey, for all of your great and good work, and may the blessing of the Almighty be with you.

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SUPREME COURT RULING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GIBBS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, just 2 weeks ago the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling on an important case that deals with private property rights, the Clean Water Act, and the ability of Americans to challenge administrative decisions made by Federal agencies.

In the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers v. Hawkes decision, a private company wanted the ability to dispute a proposed determination by the Corps before they were put through the burdensome and costly process of applying for a section 404 permit. When the Hawkes Company, which wanted to harvest peat from a tract of land that is 120 miles from the Red River in Minnesota, began the process with the Corps, the Corps provided a jurisdictional determination—also called a JD—that stated there was a "significant nexus" between the Red River and the acreage Hawkes expected to harvest. Thus, requiring a permit.

But there was no guarantee that the permit would even be approved. The Hawkes Company believed they should not be forced to spend thousands of dollars in permit applications only to be denied and then go through the long process of appealing the decision.

The government's lawyers tried to argue that the approved jurisdictional determination is not the same as the final agency action, which is required before any legal or judicial review can even begin.

This is one of several important points made in the Supreme Court's unanimous decision siding with the Hawkes Company. While the Federal Government argued to the Court that an approved JD is not a final agency action, the Court found that the Army Corps considers it so in other Federal regulations. Using conditions set by previous court precedents, the Supreme Court sided with Hawkes and agreed that an approved JD essentially constitutes a final agency action. This now gives Hawkes and other entities applying for Clean Water Act permits

in the future the ability to dispute rulings by the Corps before spending thousands and thousands of dollars for permits.

The Federal Government's arguments in this case were unconvincing at best and repugnant at worst. Army Corps lawyers contended that Hawkes had an alternative to the expensive permit application. They argued the company could simply begin their operations without a permit, face the wrath of the Environmental Protection Agency, and attempt to argue in court that a permit isn't necessary. The problem with these alternatives is that Hawkes would be facing fines as much as \$37,500 a day by operating without a permit.

In their 8-0 decision, the Court rightly sided with reason and sanity. American citizens and private companies should not be at the mercy of a bureaucracy that is effectively extorting them to have their day in court.

On the surface, this court case was about a peat company in Minnesota trying to sell some turf to golf courses, but it represents much more than that. We have a government that is too large, spends too much, and interferes with the private sector, especially at a time when our economy is stagnant and millions of Americans are struggling to find the work they are eager to take on. We have the ability to return the government's role in the economy to its original and appropriate place by creating the conditions for economic growth for all Americans rather than attempting to pick winners and losers through a centrally planned economy.

Yesterday, Speaker RYAN introduced a proposal by House Republicans that provides a better way toward economic prosperity for all Americans. One of those ways is to reduce the regulatory and administrative burdens placed on the private sector. If we modernize the regulatory framework, provide real and aggressive oversight of major regulations by requiring an up-or-down vote by Congress, and give the American people a larger role in the development of the Federal rules and regulations that affect them, we can set our economy on a path towards prosperity. More importantly, we can make sure all Americans have the opportunity to improve their lives, to live out their own version of the American Dream, and allow their children and grandchildren to inherit a more confident and prosperous Nation.

MASS SHOOTING IN ORLANDO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with other Members of this body and tens of millions of Americans in every corner of our Nation, to express my profound sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the 49 beau-

tiful young people of Orlando whose lives were stolen Sunday morning. We may never know the kind of hatred, what kind of sickness moves an individual so vehemently with such unchecked racism and homophobia to commit mass murder allegedly in the name of one or more terrorist causes.

My mind constantly returns to those who lost their lives at the Pulse, along with the 53 who were wounded, in an attempt to understand how one individual came to have the power to wreak such destruction and havoc. These innocent souls now join those lost at Blacksburg, Virginia; Newtown, Connecticut; Killeen, Texas; San Ysidro, California; San Bernardino, California; Edmund, Oklahoma; Fort Hood, Texas; Binghamton, New York; and Aurora, Colorado, as victims of modern warfare.

So far 2016 has seen 136 mass shootings, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

How can we countenance the continued ownership, availability, and use of semiautomatic weapons such as the AR-15? What legitimate purpose can they serve? What legitimate need do they fulfill? How many more must die before we rise up as a Nation and reinstate the ban on such weapons in civilian life? Would that have an impact? Would such a ban save lives?

We don't have to guess. We can look to the experience of Australia, a nation with some significant parallels to the United States. In 1996, after the worst mass shooting in Australian history, then-Prime Minister John Howard led the battle for what was to become the National Firearms Agreement, which banned certain semiautomatic and self-loading rifles and shotguns and required all firearm license applicants to show a genuine reason for owning a gun, which couldn't include self-defense.

The country instituted a mandatory federally financed gun buyback program, which led to the repurchase of 700,000 guns, which halved the number of gun-owning households and reduced the number of guns in circulation by about 20 percent. The firearm homicide rate fell by 59 percent and the firearm suicide rate fell by 65 percent without increases in other types of deaths. Australia hasn't had another mass shooting on that scale since.

Mr. Speaker, I want to close on another even more critical note: addressing the deadly end result of racism, homophobia, and male chauvinism.

The self-serving notion that any individual or group is superior to another has plagued America from our earliest days as a Nation. Slavery was a cancer on our people. Justified by the crudest, cruellest, most vicious ideology, which proclaimed persons of African or Native American ancestry to be inferior and subhuman and persons of European ancestry to be their natural masters, it was the basis of a vicious system of social oppression and economic exploitation. No people will endure such op-

pression and exploitation forever. Indeed, it inevitably led to the deadliest and most divisive war in our Nation's history: the Civil War. 204,070 people died in battle or from injury in battle, and 414,152 died from disease or accident, a total of 618,000 souls.

Yet here we have these evils lingering in our society today. They continue to express themselves in so many different ways.

What kind of deranged mind leads itself to believe that it can pass judgment on other individuals or groups? What kind of mind raised in the United States places itself above our constitutional declarations of equality for all? What kind of mind finds the basis to declare other individuals or groups defective or inferior? What kind of mind declares other individuals unworthy or unqualified to share the protections of our Constitution? What kind of mind asserts they are above judgment by a member of another group? What kind of mind envisions a world where one people are superior to another people and believes that such notions can lead to anything other than enduring conflict, death, and destruction?

Mr. Speaker, these kinds of thoughts can no longer linger. The answer rests, to a real degree, with us.

CALLING ON SENATE ACTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ZELDIN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the Senate to act now to send to the President's desk several important bills that I have introduced in this Chamber, which have all now passed this House.

In Congress, I have been working hard to pursue my New Era of American Strength agenda to protect America's security at home and abroad, help grow our economy, support our veterans and first responders, improve the quality of education, repair our Nation's infrastructure, improve health care in America, and safeguard our environment.

Working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the House and Senate, I have been able to secure a number of important victories for my district. These include a 5-year fully funded transportation bill, including my Safe Bridges Act, which was passed and signed into law.

My proposal to allow States to opt out of Common Core without penalty from the Federal Government was also passed and signed into law.

Working with Peconic Bay Medical Center, I was able to open a new veterans healthcare clinic in Manorville.

I also helped lead the effort to permanently reauthorize the Zadroga Act for our 9/11 first responders and stop the Medical Device Excise Tax for 2 years.

Additionally, my office has successfully resolved over 3,000 cases in favor of New York's First Congressional District constituents.