

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy put forth a joint resolution recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day as May 15. On May 15 of this year, the Nation came together to pause and recognize officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

Two of those officers who were recognized are from Ohio's 13th Congressional District and served honorably in the Akron Police Department. Those officers, Kenneth "Kenny" Jones and Officer Edward Stewart, affectionately known as Stew, were both recognized on May 15 of this year.

Officer Kenny Jones was a dedicated officer who selflessly served Akron and protected our citizens with courage and commitment. Officer Jones was a lifelong Akron resident who attended Garfield High School and the University of Akron.

A graduate of the Akron Police Academy, Officer Jones was with the Akron Police Department for nearly 26 years.

Officer Jones exemplified the very essence of what it means to be a public servant. Day in and day out, he served his community, embodying the values of integrity, honor, and duty.

Officer Jones went above and beyond to build bridges of trust and understanding within the Akron community. His colleagues noted that he always had a smile on his face, and he would even pray for and with strangers he served in the community.

Officer Jones was also a leader to his fellow officers, who looked up to him not only because he was a towering 6-foot-5, but because he served as a role model for how to treat people with respect and kindness.

Sadly, Officer Jones' life was tragically cut short. This unexpected loss reminds us of the sacrifices our law enforcement officers make, often facing unforeseen dangers and enduring stress while on the job.

On behalf of the entire Ohio 13th Congressional District community, I extend my deepest condolences to Officer Jones' family, his friends, and his colleagues. His unwavering service and dedication will forever be remembered, and the joy he brought to the community will never be forgotten.

Officer Edward Stewart, affectionately known as Stew, was a longtime veteran of the Akron Police Department who also dedicated his life to humbly protecting and serving the people of Akron.

Officer Stewart began his career as a civilian employee in 1993 before pursuing his passion and joining the police academy in 1993, as well. After graduating from the academy, Officer Stewart served the community as a transport wagon officer for his entire career.

Officer Stewart embodied the essence of public service as someone who was always willing to step up and assist those in need, whether that be his fellow officers or members of the community.

Officer Stewart, sadly, passed away in 2020, one of too many exceptional

frontline responders who were lost after contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty.

I was able to speak with Officer Stewart's wife, Lisa, this week to offer my sincere condolences on behalf of the entire Ohio 13th Congressional District.

Lisa shared that Officer Stewart was a loving husband, father, and grandfather whose intelligence and thirst for knowledge was admired by his family, friends, and colleagues.

Officer Stewart's selfless acts of public service will never be forgotten, and we will continue to uphold his legacy by continuing to work toward a safer community and safer future for all.

Both of these officers left behind families, a community, and loved ones who truly respected and cared for them. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincere and deepest condolences to those who loved them, those who cared for them, and those who will miss seeing them every single day.

Peace Officer Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to stop and pause to remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty and thank them for their never-ending service to our communities.

We thank Officer Stewart and Officer Jones. May their memory be a blessing.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 43 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Omnipotent God, we lift our prayers today with those of the people of Ukraine. Like Your servant Job, they grieve the weight of their anguish, they suffer from the burden of their calamities. O, that You would grant their request for respite from the tyranny they still endure. Would that You hear their desires for deliverance from their unrelenting adversary.

How You will answer these prayers is beyond our comprehension. Why You are allowing these atrocities to continue is beyond our understanding.

But if it is for us to see the resolve of the Ukrainians' belief in their salvation despite all they have endured, then give us eyes to see that You are the source of their resilience. If it is for

us to hear that, like Job, they do not curse You despite the injustice visited upon them, then give us ears to hear that You are the reason for their hope.

May their faith inspire our own, that all who claim their belief in You would learn what it means to trust in Your mercy, to proclaim Your steadfast love, and to witness Your redeeming power in our world, in Ukraine, and in our own lives.

Bless the righteous, O Lord, and cover them with Your favor. In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHNEIDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title.

H.J. Res. 42. Joint Resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 467. An act to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-140, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as a member of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture:

Chiling Tong of Maryland.
Tina Wei Smith of Kentucky.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

ERIC'S LAW

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight Eric's Law, a piece of legislation I introduced with my Pennsylvanian colleague, Congressman MATT CARTWRIGHT.

Eric's Law is named for Eric Williams, a Federal correctional officer who was brutally murdered by an inmate at U.S. Penitentiary Canaan in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. His murderer's crime largely went unpunished, even though 11 out of 12 jurors voted for the death penalty because he was already serving a life sentence.

Current law requires a unanimous decision by the jury to impose the death penalty.

Our legislation permits prosecutors to impanel a second jury for sentencing if the first jury in a Federal death penalty case fails to reach a unanimous decision on a sentence. This allows for a final, definitive decision in death penalty cases that our victims and families deserve.

I thank Eric's father, Don, as well as the Council of Prison Locals for their support and endorsement of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, we must do everything in our power to prevent this kind of tragedy from reoccurring. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING BEVERLY SUSSMAN

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Beverly Sussman, who this week retired after serving 8 years as Buffalo Grove Village president.

A dedicated civil servant, Beverly has devoted her energies to the village for more than 30 years.

Focusing on revitalizing Buffalo Grove, Beverly has led on infrastructure redevelopment and attracted significant investment in development projects across the village that will benefit residents for many, many years.

Significantly, she led with a focus on fiscal responsibility, all to the benefit of Buffalo Grove residents who have not had a tax increase over the past 4 years.

Beverly has also focused on creating a welcoming community built on civic engagement and youth development. Of course, that is not surprising since at her core Beverly is still the teacher she was at the beginning of her career.

Throughout it all, Beverly has been supported by Martin, her beloved husband of 62 years. Their greatest achievement has been their three sons and eight grandchildren.

It is my great honor to thank Beverly for all she has done and to wish her and Marty health and happiness in whatever their next chapter may bring on their journey together.

POLICE KEEP FAMILIES SAFE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize National Police Week, we honor the brave men and women who keep our families safe every day and pay respect to all those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Unfortunately, Biden and extreme House Democrats have supported defunding the police. Violent crimes have skyrocketed under Biden. Homicides are up 13 percent, aggravated assaults are up 34 percent, and rapes are up 24 percent.

2021 was the deadliest year in two decades for law enforcement officers. Our family appreciates the town of Springdale Police Chief "Bear" Richbourg and Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon, who was just recognized as Sheriff of the Year.

This week House Republicans voted on legislation supporting law enforcement. Sadly, Biden allows terrorists to cross the border, putting families everywhere under greater risk of the threat of mass murder more than ever.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to encourage my colleagues to support a bipartisan bill to help our communities better recruit and retain local law enforcement professionals.

This week a bipartisan group from Ohio introduced H.R. 3376, the Enhancing COPS Hiring Program Grants for Local Law Enforcement Act.

My colleagues from Ohio, Republican and Democratic, Congressman CAREY, Congressman MILLER, and Congresswoman STRONG SYKES, have partnered together to alleviate the strain on local police departments by expanding the COPS hiring program. This bill will allow them to use existing grant dollars for recruitment and retention bonuses.

We will also be introducing similar legislation for communities to better recruit and retain firefighters.

Public safety is a top priority for me. We are making sure police and fire departments across the country have what they need to keep our children and families safe.

I hope Members will join us in this fight.

THE CONCERNS OF SHERIFF JANIS MANGUM OF JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, while I was out campaigning, I had the opportunity to meet with Sheriff Janis Mangum of Jackson County, Georgia.

She was very open about her concerns to protect her citizens out there with the defund the police, the disrespect, and just the disdain for law in general.

There was also an internal concern. I saw a grief where she was expressing concern for a fellow deputy who had paid the ultimate price some 6 months earlier.

That is leadership, Mr. Speaker. That is pure leadership.

ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO is quoted several times from the National Police Memorial this week: It is not how they died, but it is how they lived.

Sheriff Janis Mangum is a shining example of that quote.

RECOGNIZING NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Mrs. FOUSHEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to formally recognize and commend North Carolina Central University's football team by introducing a resolution congratulating them for winning the Historically Black Colleges And Universities National Football Championship in the 2022 Celebration Bowl.

NCCU is located in my district in Durham, North Carolina, and is known for its distinguished academic and athletic excellence. It is a prime example of the importance and great value of our Nation's HBCUs.

Under the steadfast leadership of Chancellor Dr. Johnson Akinleye in the classroom and Head Coach Trei Oliver on the field, NCCU brought home the Black College Football National Title for the fourth time in the university's history with Eagle Pride and Eagle Promise.

I am deeply honored to represent NCCU, and I extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team, the coaches, athletic staff, the students, and the faculty for this well-deserved victory. Go Eagles.

RECOGNIZING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our men and women in law enforcement and their commitment to public safety.