

CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC ATTACK IN SANTA FE, TEXAS, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL OF THOSE IMPACTED BY THE TRAGEDY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 521, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 521) condemning the horrific attack in Santa Fe, Texas, and expressing support and prayers for all of those impacted by the tragedy.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 521) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the junior Senator from North Carolina be authorized to sign the enrollment of S. 2155.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 24; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed. Finally, I ask that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the McWilliams nominations under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator CARDIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Maryland.

HONORING OFFICER AMY S. CAPRIO

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise today to mourn the loss of Amy S. Caprio of the Baltimore County Police Department, who was 29 years old. Sadly, Ms. Caprio is the first female police officer to be killed in the line of duty in the history of the Baltimore County Police Department and the 10th officer killed in the history of the department.

As a longtime resident of Baltimore County and as the Senator from Maryland, I want to express my profound sadness and condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Caprio, especially her husband Tim.

Officer Caprio was killed on Monday after responding to a call about a suspicious vehicle and potentially a burglary in progress in the Perry Hall region. According to police reports, Officer Caprio had ordered suspects to leave the car when she was deliberately run over by a suspect. It is unclear whether a firearm was discharged, and police are reviewing the footage from her body camera before she was killed.

The Baltimore County police now report that they have several suspects in custody, including juveniles who have been arrested and charged as adults with first-degree murder.

A resident of the neighborhood told the Baltimore Sun that his son saw the officer struck by a vehicle. Tony Kurek, 54, had just walked into the door of his home when his son, Dakota, shouted to him: "Dad, Dad, a cop just got run over out front," the father recalled his son saying. The officer was lying in front of his house, he said. Dakota told his father he had seen the officer draw her gun on a black Jeep Wrangler and order the people inside to get out. Instead, the driver sped forward, ramming the officer with the vehicle. She landed about 20 feet away. "She basically landed almost in front of my mailbox," Kurek said.

Let me thank the Kurek family, as well as the EMS and MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center staff, who rushed to try to save Officer Caprio's life. I know this event has shaken the Perry Hall community, as well as residents who were asked to shelter in place, and several local elementary schools were placed on lockdown during the police search for the suspects. I am hopeful that the Blue Alert System in use helped to quickly catch the suspects in this case.

As we learn more about Officer Caprio's life, we grieve for her loss. According to a story in the Baltimore Sun, she served just shy of 4 years with the Baltimore County Police Department, but she had already proven herself to be a dedicated officer. She was credited with bringing down a pair of alleged package thieves, closing dozens of cases reported around the county at the end of last year. Because of her efforts, the department was able to recover a cache of stolen property.

The department officials stated:

She didn't realize she was embarking on what would become a considerable investigation into holiday package thefts around the eastern portion of Baltimore County. This involved numerous cases being independently investigated by officers in multiple precincts, and would eventually result in the identification and arrest of two suspects, leading to the return of a very sentimental gift.

Officer Caprio had pieced together evidence from security cameras, interviewed witnesses, tracked a vehicle, and compared notes with other officers who were investigating package thefts in the area. She ended up linking two suspects to dozens of stolen package cases in the Parkville, White Marsh, Dundalk, Towson, Cockeysville, and Essex precincts. When officers found the suspects' hotel room, it was filled with stolen goods, including a brightly colored handmade quilt with a heartfelt inscription that a woman had shipped to her granddaughter. This quilt was eventually returned to the family.

Closing the case earned her praise across the nearly 2,000-member department, and she was named the Parkville precinct's officer of the month in March.

Police Chief Terrence Sheridan said:

Officer Caprio was the type of officer that you'd want to hire. She was the kind of officer that was going to go up in this organization.

Officer Caprio had graduated from Towson University in 2010 and was a 2006 graduate of Loch Raven High School. She joined the county police department in July 2014. She graduated with the department's 140th recruit class in December 2014 and was initially assigned to the Essex precinct.

The men and women of law enforcement put their lives on the line every day and run towards danger, not away from it. Family members always worry about being reunited with their spouses, parents, and family members at the end of the day.

Last week, I held a delegation meeting in the Capitol with our Federal law enforcement officials from Maryland. I thanked them for their service and told them I would fight for the resources they need to combat crime and provide the best possible equipment and training for their agents. This includes providing full funding for the COPS and Byrne JAG Programs, which are absolutely critical to our Federal, State, and local law enforcement partnerships. Teamwork is critical, particularly when we are combating crime across jurisdictional boundaries.

Last week was National Police Week. It is when we pause to recognize and remember those law enforcement and emergency services officers in Maryland who have paid the ultimate price and have made the ultimate sacrifice. Each spring, law enforcement takes a rollcall to solemnly mark the "end of watch" for the fallen law enforcement officers. Their names are then added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square, close to

Capitol Hill. Carved on the memorial's walls are the names of more than 21,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout U.S. history.

Let me share with my colleagues the other law enforcement officers who were killed this past year in Maryland in addition to Officer Caprio.

Sean Matthew Suiter, a detective in the Baltimore City Police Department, was shot on November 15, 2017, while attempting to interview a suspect during a homicide investigation.

Sander Benjamin Cohen, a deputy chief in the Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshal, was killed in a traffic accident on December 8, 2017, as he attempted to assist a law enforcement officer whose car was disabled on I-270. FBI Supervisory Special Agent Carlos Wolff was also killed.

This year, on February 21, 2018, Corporal Mujahid Ramziddin, a corporal in the Prince George's County Police Department, in Maryland, was killed while he was off duty and assisting a woman who was involved in a domestic dispute.

Once again, I ask my colleagues in the Senate to keep Officer Caprio's family and colleagues in their thoughts and prayers today. We thank our law enforcement officers and all first responders who run towards danger instead of away from it. Congress should make sure that our officers have all of the tools and resources they need to effectively carry out their mission to protect and serve their communities and bring offenders to justice.

I thank my colleagues.  
I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:22 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HARRY B. HARRIS, JR., OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate May 23, 2018:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

BRIAN D. MONTGOMERY, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on May 23, 2018 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

HARRY B. HARRIS, JR., OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 13, 2018.