

House Armed Services Committee, my mentor, my former boss, the late Congressman Ron Dellums. Congressman Dellums broke barriers as the first Black chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. He was also an avid champion of diversity at all levels.

In the 1970s, he hired me to work on his staff as one of the only women of color in a senior role on Capitol Hill. He was a pioneer and a visionary who understood the need for elevating women of color in every field.

That is why my bill, which has the support of organizations like the Civic Engagement and Leadership Institute for Everyone is so important. It will help honor Ron's legacy, build greater diversity in national security, and create much more STEAM opportunities for women of color.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me by cosponsoring my bill, the Ronald Dellums Memorial Fellowship for Women of Color in STEAM and National Security Act.

HONORING CENTRACARE HEALTH DIRECTOR DAVID BORGERT

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CentraCare Health's Director of Community and Government Relations, David Borgert. His approaching retirement will mark the end of his 21-year career with CentraCare Health.

As a testament to David's hard work, CentraCare has thrived under his leadership. Whether it was securing grants and donations; educating his community on the intricacies of State, Federal, and community issues; or finding new ways to provide quality care, David has set the standard in the State of Minnesota.

This is why the Minnesota Hospital Association took notice and awarded David with the Spirit of Advocacy Award for his tireless efforts to inform the central Minnesota community about healthcare reform.

Under David's strong leadership, CentraCare Health has consistently been recognized for its outstanding work. David Borgert is a beloved and cherished member of our community because of his dedication to providing quality healthcare.

His service to our community will be missed and we thank him for his years of commitment. We look forward to seeing him in his well-deserved retirement.

STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRAN

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the people of Iran have taken to the streets and continue to protest against the il-

legitimate regime of the Ayatollah and the mullahs. These protests have taken place in numerous cities now for 1 year.

The people protest the war-mongering dictatorship, the tyranny of the Iranian Government and its terrorist activities. The people want freedom. However, the mullahs are reacting with crackdowns on the people.

Arrests, beatings, and jailing continues to occur. It is interesting that the majority of these protests are led by women and the young. Even truck drivers have gone on strike in the protest.

Groups such as the MEK have spoken out against the corrupt Iranian Government and oppression of the people. Further, the Government of Iran has sworn to destroy the United States. The United States should stand with the Iranian people in their quest for freedom from the tyrants of Iran.

As President Kennedy once said: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

And that is just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF B.J. BARNES

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the service of Guilford County's longest-serving sheriff in history, B.J. Barnes.

Sheriff Barnes is retiring after more than two decades of service to the people and to the community of central North Carolina. Beginning in 1970, Sheriff Barnes felt the call to serve and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at only 19 years old.

After beginning a career in law enforcement, he was elected sheriff in 1994. His reforms to the Guilford County justice system over the years have not gone unnoticed, from updating ramshackle jails to bringing our county necessary forensic technology, Sheriff Barnes always fought, and succeeded, in keeping Guilford County safe.

His service forever changed our community, and, we, along with his peers throughout the State and the country, will always remember his relentless dedication, his integrity, and his compassion.

Twenty-four years and six terms later, Sheriff Barnes retires with an outstanding record and will continue to be a source of influence for Guilford County.

Heroes like Sheriff Barnes are the fabric of our community, and I am blessed to call him a friend and mentor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT BENTON BERTRAM

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

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, every morning our heroes in law enforcement wake up and they kiss their loved ones good-bye, knowing that there is always a chance they may not return that night.

Last night, in Charlestown, in Clark County, in the Hoosier State, one of those heroes, Sergeant Ben Bertram of the Charlestown Police Department did not return home. Sergeant Bertram was killed in pursuit of a suspect into an adjoining county, doing his duty, doing what he loved, and protecting Hoosiers all the way across the State.

It is with deep sorrow our community back home mourns his loss, and celebrates his sacrifice to the Hoosier State.

We thank Sergeant Bertram. Rest easy.

COMMENDING SONNY PERDUE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and commend Secretary Sonny Perdue of the USDA for a recent decision to help northern California with its water situation. They are offering a \$449 million loan to help the Sites area project, an intertie that will help the Tehama-Colusa Canal and the Glenn-Colusa Canal intertie to each other, and, therefore, be part of the infrastructure that will help the Sites Reservoir be successful when it is finally built.

It is much needed for northern California's water interconnectivity, flexibility, and overall goals of more water storage in our State, especially upon the heels of the California State Water Resources Control Board's shift of what could be up to 700,000 more acre feet away from human use towards dubious environmental use.

Mr. Speaker, we need help with water storage, water capacity. I thank Secretary Perdue and Secretary Zinke for their attention to northern California for these water needs, and thank the Trump administration for it as well.

FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

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

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my humblest gratitude for the opportunity to serve my community, my country, and the U.S. House of Representatives for the last 8 years.

Anybody who has lived the life of public service knows that you have to surround yourself with good people,