

We all look for heroes. We look to Washington. We look to celebrities. I know where my heroes are, and one of them, without a doubt, is Daniel. May God bless him.

CONGRATULATING VIRGINIA ON ERA RATIFICATION

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate leaders in Virginia for their historic vote to become the 38th State to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment today.

For decades, ERA advocates across the country have been fighting so that equality for women and men is constitutionally protected. The momentum behind the effort has never been stronger.

I have sponsored the Equal Rights Amendment for many years because I believe it is the only way to make lasting progress on the goals we consistently fight for, like equal pay for equal work, ending pregnancy discrimination, and combating gender-based violence.

The ERA is a legal foundation that can withstand changing political whims of legislators, judges, or occupants of the White House.

Women are long past due equal treatment under the law. We will persist until it is firmly guaranteed. We demand full equality now. We demand that it be spelled out in the Constitution. And you spell it E-R-A.

RECOGNIZING KAYLEE TOLLESON

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind America that Fort Bend County, Texas, is the ice-skating mecca of our country.

Here is Fort Bend's Tara Lipinski, the youngest woman ever to win a figure skating gold medal in Olympic history.

I regret that I have some bad news for Tara. She is about to become the second youngest woman to win a gold medal in skating.

Here is the soon-to-be youngest woman gold medalist. This is Kaylee Tolleson. She lives in Fort Bend County, just like Tara did. She has already won a gold medal—her life.

Last year, at 9 years old, young Kaylee found out that she had a cancerous tumor the size of a softball on her ovary. Kaylee fought to live. With the love of mom and dad; the miracle workers at Texas Children's Hospital; and her personal idol, Channel 13 weatherman Travis Herzog, recently, Kaylee rang a bell. She is now cancer-free.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all of America to watch Kaylee skate in the World

Olympics in 2026 in Milan, Italy. May God bless Kaylee, and we look forward to watching her on TV.

COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOLDEN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ZELDIN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the topic of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, tonight, over the course of the next hour on this House floor, Republicans and Democrats united are coming together for the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. For all of us, this is an extra special, extra personal moment.

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Six million Jews, and millions of others, died during the Holocaust; 1.1 million people died at Auschwitz alone. Millions of lives were unfathomably cut short, tearing apart families, communities, and countries.

Thanks to the heroism of our Nation's Greatest Generation, with their strength, and their will, and their courage, good ultimately triumphed over evil.

There must be a permanent, never-ending, never-yielding commitment to never allow this form of hate and evil to ever rise again. This pledge must include combating anti-Semitism and anti-Israel hate wherever it rears its ugly head, and even when it disguises itself as legitimate.

Today, and every day, we must reaffirm our pledge, "Never Again."

For everyone who is watching at home, after votes, while we are here, at times we see Republican Special Orders and Democrat Special Orders; but this is an important moment in time for us to come together in this Chamber, united, Republicans and Democrats, as Americans, for humanity must ensure that this never happens again.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER) is recognized for the remainder of the hour.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today also to commemorate what is an anniversary we shouldn't have ever had to commemorate and be here for, again, the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Mr. Speaker, I have been to the concentration camps. I have seen the train tracks where they brought in loads of people in railcars and they herded people like they were cattle. I have seen the ovens. I have seen the gas chambers.

Mr. Speaker, I saw where Dr. Josef Mengele performed experiments on people as if they were lab specimens; many of them women. It is something that we should never have experienced and should never experience again.

Mr. Speaker, today, we do remember what the gentleman from New York said, the six million Jews who tragically lost their lives in the Holocaust. To keep that mind-numbing number in perspective, if we were to take a moment of silence for every Holocaust victim, I would stand up here for 11½ years.

It is so imperative that we remember all of those who fought tirelessly to defeat the Nazi regime. With rising levels of anti-Semitic sentiment attacks spreading in the West today, we should emulate those brave men and women that my good friend, LEE ZELDIN talked about, the Greatest Generation who, in their spirit, they fought, and many of them gave all to combat and liberating those downtrodden by the Nazis, those families who were forever destroyed under the German Nazis; liberating them from anti-Semitism in all forms. Anti-Semitism needs to be defeated today.

So, Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today as we recommit ourselves to the protection of our Jewish brothers and sisters and the State of Israel against all those who seek to destroy them, no matter what form. Come what may, BDS, anti-Semitism, all of those, may God protect Israel and the Jewish people, as we proudly say; and remind our children—what I call the latest generation—who need to understand what the Greatest Generation knew, and that is that it can never be tolerated, never again.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY).

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Last week, I was honored to join the Speaker's congressional delegation to Poland and Israel, where we visited Auschwitz and participated in the Fifth World Holocaust Forum.

We cannot fight the scourge of anti-Semitism without remembering the horrors that can occur when hate is allowed to flourish. As we commemorate this important day, we remember those lost, and let the lessons from the Holocaust guide our work today.

As a co-chair of the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism, I will continue to work with my