

gave their lives to save seven children from harm in that house that awful morning. Nothing could be more heroic.

We can honor their lives by giving the police officers and first responders who keep our communities safe the respect and the support they deserve.

I ask Members to join me in a moment of silence from a grateful Nation to honor the lives of Paul Elmstrand, Adam Finseth, and Matthew Ruge.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BOB BOOKER

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of my dear friend, Bob Booker, who passed away on February 22 at 88 years young.

He was a historian, a U.S. Army veteran, and a passionate civil rights leader who was not afraid to stand up for what he believed. State Representative Joe Armstrong and I named a bridge after him when we were both in the State legislature because of all of his hard work. He really cared about his community and making it a better place.

In 1966, Bob was also elected as Knoxville's first Black Tennessee State Representative.

Bob was a dear friend of mine, and I knew him for many years. He worked with my dad at UT, and he knew my mama because she taught at Knoxville College, a historically Black college. He continued to be a great friend to me and my family after they passed away.

I have one particularly fond memory of Bob. One night when Kelly, my wife, and I were at a noted honky-tonk in Knoxville, Bob was there, as well. Kelly and I had snuck in, and we were in the back row. He belted out a karaoke song and dedicated it to us. He knew his music and had an incredible record collection that I loved and admired whenever I went to his house. He was an excellent host and an excellent cook.

I give my condolences to Bob's brother, Percell, all of his friends at Marie's Old Town Tavern, and everyone who knew and loved him. Bob will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER AT METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the new Family Empowerment Center at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark.

For more than 16 years, the church's sacred and cherished Willing Heart Community Care Center has been a pillar of service to the community. It has provided food and clothing to residents

and families in difficult times. It has brought relief to community members who have suffered during Hurricanes Ike, Sandy, and Irene. It has guided the desperate toward hope and salvation.

Now, the care center will become the Family Empowerment Center. It will provide more advanced, quality medical care for families, and it will help unemployed workers improve their chances of getting a good-paying job.

I am a strong supporter of job training programs. I secured \$1 million for a local program to increase minority employment in advanced technologies. I cannot wait to see what the Family Empowerment Center will do for our community.

COMMEMORATING JOSEF BRODER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Josef Broder for his dedication to the University of Georgia family as he enters retirement.

Known as one of the university's most highly regarded educators, Dr. Broder was tasked with enhancing the college's teaching programs. His efforts resulted in record-breaking student enrollments, increased diversity in student representation, and greater participation in study abroad initiatives.

As a Georgia resident, Josef Broder held prestigious titles, including D.W. Brooks Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics; Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor, and Distinguished University Professor.

Dr. Broder played a pivotal role in establishing the Congressional Agriculture Fellowship Program and introducing degree programs on the Tifton and Griffin campuses.

Having dedicated to two distinct terms as interim dean and director, Dr. Broder skillfully navigated the college through critical transition periods. Even after his leadership roles, he continued contributing his time as the associate dean for academic affairs.

May Dr. Broder enjoy his well-earned retirement.

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CUBAN STATE SPONSOR OF TERROR DESIGNATION

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound frustration at the continued Trump-era policies toward Cuba. For 65 long years, the Cuban people have suffered under the weight of an American embargo.

Now, Cuba's completely unwarranted designation as a state sponsor of terror is causing new waves of hardship for the people of the island.

It is also impacting our allies and friends. Mr. Speaker, I met with many ambassadors from close partners of the United States when I was in Cuba, and they were unanimously opposed to the state sponsor designation.

Trump and Pompeo created this designation, knowing it has no merit, and it was a political trap for the Biden administration.

Mr. Speaker, I call on President Biden to step out of that trap, finally, and stop this cruel and counterproductive policy. He should remove the state sponsor designation today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ALEX DAVID WOLFSIE

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise before you to pay tribute to a remarkable young man, Alex David Wolfsie, whose life was tragically cut short almost 10 years ago on March 10, 2014.

Alex's commitment to our Nation, demonstrated by his service in the United States Navy, exemplifies the best of American valor and dedication.

A Mahopac resident who graduated from Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers and SUNY Cortland, he felt the call to service and enlisted on September 25, 2012. He traveled from the training grounds at Great Lakes Naval Station north of Chicago to Pensacola, Florida, to San Diego, California, to his final post in Guam.

His mission was clear: serving our country. He was preparing for deployment aboard the USS *Bonhomme Richard* in Japan before a tragic accident cut his life short.

He came from a family of service—his father was a member of the NYPD—and sought to carry on that service to our State and Nation.

I know the Carmel Town Board is gathering next week to honor Alex for his service. We will never forget his service and his sacrifice. May God bless the Wolfsie family.

A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues one simple question: Do you honestly believe that you have any right to tell me or any woman in America what I can do with my own body?

Do you have any right to tell me when, if, or how, I decide to have a family; or the thousands of women across Alabama who had their rights stripped away this week to become a mother; the thousands across this country who are facing the devastating experience of having a miscarriage and not being able to get care; and the millions of women, including myself, who