

researched a family grave box and restored a Civil War soldier's gravestone at Mt. Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin Kirtley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

“THE VETERANS’ PRIVACY ACT”

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill, the Veterans’ Privacy Act, a bill that directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to prescribe regulations ensuring that, when veterans receive care from VA, their privacy will not be violated by unauthorized video surveillance.

By its very nature, medical care requires that an individual forfeit some privacy in order to obtain treatment. However, when a veteran walks into a VA medical facility, they should not have to worry about a covert camera being in their treatment room.

Last June, a covert camera disguised as a smoke detector was installed in the room of a brain damaged veteran who was being treated at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center in Tampa, Florida. Upon discovering the hidden camera, the veteran’s family was understandably outraged.

When the veteran’s family asked about the camera, VA officials first stated that the camera did not exist, then changed their story and admitted that the “smoke detector” was actually a video camera. When further asked if the camera was recording, VA told the family that the camera was only “monitoring” the patient and was not recording. Only after inquiries by local media and the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee did VA admit that the camera was recording. VA then removed the camera from the patient’s room.

In the wake of this incident, I sent a letter to VA asking for its legal authority to place a camera in a patient’s room without consent. VA stated that its legal opinion was that the hidden camera did not violate the law, but that it was developing a national policy to address the issue of video surveillance of patients. In response to a recent status request on this national policy from my staff, VA stated that it did not expect to have the policy finalized before September 2013, well over a year after this incident occurred.

I am deeply disturbed at VA’s callous actions and response to the privacy interests of this veteran, and can’t help but wonder whether similar incidents are occurring across the country, especially since VA still lacks a national policy in this area. The least we can do is ensure basic privacy rights of the men and women who have served our country when they seek the treatment they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, no veteran should have to worry about being secretly recorded when he or she goes to VA for medical treatment, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Veterans’ Privacy Act.

COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoah, and to pay tribute to the men, women, and children murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

This week, we pause to join in solidarity to remember one of the darkest chapters in human history. During the Holocaust, six million Jews were killed, and countless others were brutalized, raped, dehumanized, and robbed. It is critical that, as nations and as individuals, we preserve the history of the Holocaust and the memories of survivors and other witnesses.

The Days of Remembrance hold a deep meaning for me, as a Jewish American, and for my community. My district, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, is home to one of the largest concentrations of Holocaust survivors in the country. An estimated 3,500 Holocaust survivors live in the Chicago area, all of whom are elderly, and many of whom do not receive the care and services they need. Skokie, in my district, is home to a beautiful Holocaust museum opened in 2009, a 65,000-square-foot facility dedicated to sharing the history of the Holocaust and teaching the importance of combating hatred, indifference, and genocide to current and future generations across the Midwest.

We pledged “Never Again” but, over sixty years later, we continue to fight anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred and intolerance, even genocide. As we reflect on the tragedy of the lives lost and honor those who survived, we need to also pledge to do better moving forward. In a world where genocide, intolerance, and neglect are far too prevalent, we need to stand up against violations of human rights. We need to continue to fight injustice and protect people everywhere.

This week, we pause to remember all those who perished, honor those who survived, and redouble our pledge to fight genocide, intolerance, and persecution wherever they occur.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLD DOMINION DENTAL SOCIETY

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a legacy of community service in the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the nation. This year, the Old Dominion Dental Society is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed organization and its contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1913, black dentists sought to organize into a professional society and these efforts resulted in the Tri-State Dental Association of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Colum-

bia, formed under the leadership of Dr. D. A. Ferguson of Richmond, Virginia. Five years later the name was changed to the Interstate Dental Association to accommodate growing interest from dentists around the region. Ultimately, in 1932, the organization’s name was changed to the National Dental Association, and so it remains today. Since that time, the National Dental Association has provided over 6000 African-American dentists in the United States and abroad the platform and the support to help them succeed.

From this history also arose the Old Dominion Dental Society. The Old Dominion Dental Society served as a forum for minority dentists in Virginia who were denied membership to the American Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Association. For 100 years, the Old Dominion Dental Society has grown and fostered professional development for the dental profession and brought needed services to the most vulnerable communities in Virginia.

The Old Dominion Dental Society has also invested in the next generation of dentists through annual scholarships for underrepresented minorities. Through these scholarships, the Society has insured that a diverse group of young students will have the opportunity to excel in the field of dentistry. Members of the organization have been generous donors of their time and expertise to various state and community service organizations, strengthening communities and making our neighborhoods healthier. Motivated by the philosophy that health care is a born right for all people, the Old Dominion Dental Society has been a relentless leader in the quest for equality and equity in health care and today I celebrate all of the members, past and present, that have set an example for all of us over the past 100 years.

There are many Old Dominion Dental Society members that have worked tirelessly to make the Society as successful and respected as it is today. I want to congratulate the members for all their achievements, and especially acknowledge a few: Dr. McKinley Price, Mayor of Newport News; the late Dr. James Holley, former Mayor of Portsmouth; the late Dr. Hugo Owens, former Vice Mayor of Chesapeake; Dr. Elizabeth Daniels, Vice Chair of Portsmouth School Board; Dr. Walter Claytor, the first African-American dentist to serve on the Virginia Board of Dentistry; and Dr. James Watkins, presently serving his fourth term as a member of the Virginia Board of Dentistry and the first African-American dentist to be president of the Virginia State Dental Board. Under their leadership, the Old Dominion Dental Society has and will continue to flourish.

As the Old Dominion Dental Society gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, this organization can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on its future. As we continue to work to invest in our future, protect access to health care, and promote education, I praise the drive and vision of the members who make our community a better place to live. I would like to congratulate all of the members of the Old Dominion Dental Society on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, and I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING AUSTIN VAN BLACK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Austin Van Black. Austin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Austin has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Austin has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned 121 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Austin has led his troop as Senior Patrol Leader, attended the 2010 National Jamboree and 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe Mic-O-Say and became a member of the Order of the Arrow. Austin has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Austin completed 137 service hours for Hillcrest Transitional Housing, a homeless transition and education ministry, in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Austin Van Black for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MINGO COUNTY SHERIFF EUGENE CRUM A TRUE TITAN IN THE BATTLE FOR LAW AND ORDER

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, each April just a few blocks from the Nation's Capitol Building, we witness in full bloom 10,000 daffodils, amidst well manicured lawns, signaling the advent of the season of renewal and hope. This peaceful setting surrounds two blue-gray curved marble walls that help form our Nation's lasting tribute and memorial to law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Every 57 hours in this Country, a law enforcement officer lays down their life, so that the rest of us can enjoy lives enriched by the very safety and security our officers provide.

Last week, West Virginians lost a true titan in the battle for law and order. Mingo County Sheriff Eugene Crum had just left his friend and compatriot, Judge Michael Thornsbury, with the parting words, "I'm going to fight the good fight," so he could spend his lunch hour in his vehicle, keeping an eye on a former illegal pill mill. Moments later, the Sheriff would be slain. While the cause of the heinous murder remains under intense investigation its effect is well known.

Dave Rockel, Sheriff Crum's friend and teammate as the Commander of Mingo County's Drug Task Force said the murder has "awakened a sleeping giant." Commander Rockel pointed out "Operation Zero Tolerance" has taken on a new significance to continue the Sheriffs legacy of waging a success-

ful war against the scourge of prescription drug abuse. As Judge Thornsbury calculated, the Sheriff had already achieved 57 felony convictions within 93 days of being sworn into office. Make no mistake, Eugene Crum may have been a new Sheriff, but he was a three-decade-old seasoned veteran of law enforcement, having served as a police lieutenant, chief of police, magistrate and chief magistrate.

Since the Sheriffs passing, many tributes have been offered by friends, officeholders and multiple newspaper editorials have been written to honor Sheriff Crum, his achievements, his compassion, his humility, his selflessness, and his fervent dedication and devotion to duty. And, what honor and comfort it must be to his widow, Rosie, his children, Julie and Bub, and his entire family to know that, as Judge Thornsbury relayed, Eugene was often times able to personally enjoy one of the highest compliments anyone can be paid. For when many of those he had previously arrested would see Eugene on the street, they would stop to thank him for saving their lives. I ask my colleagues, here in the people's House, "What truer measure of a man is there?"

To such a man, this Nation remains deeply indebted and eternally grateful. On the National Memorial honoring the fallen, one of its four inscriptions reads, "In valor, there is hope." Eugene Crum's valor was as significant as that of the bravest soldier on the most tumultuous of battlefields. For Eugene, the field of battle was in the hills and hollows of home, on the front porches and through the backyards of neighbors, on the streets of Mingo County's downtowns and on their corners during the darkest hours of night. His battle endured without end until justice had ultimately prevailed. Indeed the legacy of Eugene Crum will live on each time justice is served and tempered with mercy to give new hope to those who have wronged their families and their communities. Eugene Crum's hope for a more civil world, born of his life of valor, is the badge of honor Sheriff Rosie Crum now wears, as do his comrades in law enforcement throughout our Nation.

As it was strongly and passionately relayed at his memorial this past weekend by Mingo County Commission President John Mark Hubbard, shame on anyone who will not make sure that the change Sheriff Crum laid his life down for does not continue.

Mr. Speaker, the obligation of the Congress to aid our law enforcement officers is clear. As American citizens, let us pray for their safe keeping, and that their resolve—this Nation's resolve—will be strengthened by the indelible mark left by Eugene Crum to serve and protect the people he loved.

EQUAL PAY DAY**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support of the Equal Pay Day, April 9, 2013, which recognized the critical disparity between the working wages between men and women.

Women have come so far in our society and make up 50 percent of the workforce by con-

tributing their skills and experiences that drive our economy, making it the most dynamic in the world. But, women are not worth their work according to their wages and the services they provide. On average, we still earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. For a woman working full time, the current wage gap represents a loss of \$430,000 over the course of her career.

There are many women in my district who are the sole providers for their family. They act as the mother and the father rearing their family and struggling to put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

One of our top priorities should be closing the wage gap. By doing so, the middle class will be stronger and struggling Americans will have the support they need. I am a proud sponsor of the Equal Pay Day Resolution and urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor.

PASSING OF FAMILY PATRIARCH ENRIQUE ROS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, my dad was and will always be the wind beneath my wings. His passing leaves in us a loss that is eternal and deep. 'Abu Kiki' as we lovingly called him was the center, the foundation of us all, and the one person who kept us grounded and confident in the path our lives had taken. If there is one comfort we feel during this time of unequalled sorrow is that we are confident that my dad is once again reunited with his beloved and cherished soul mate, Amanda Ros.

Today I can look at my life and the lives of my brother Henry and my dad's adult grandchildren with joy and fulfillment. And I can do that because Abu Kiki worked hard to instill in us ageless ideals of fairness and doing always what was right.

My dad was a prolific writer and well-known historian. He was working on his 20th book, a biography of Antonio Maceo, when he died of respiratory complications at South Miami Hospital late Wednesday night. He authored 19 other books on Cuban history and local politics that are an important source of information for other historians, academics and scholars. All who shared my father's life knew that he was happiest when he was busy doing research and writing his books. His beloved library was a meeting ground for our family and he kept a detailed log of all the articles and pictures that told the story of my family's life and of his cherished books.

For 65 years, Enrique and Amanda Ros, shared a wonderful life together and they did it by way of love and hard work. They raised two children who have families of their own, founded and expanded a successful family business for over 30 years (Ros-Forwarding), and labored both as one in noble endeavors to re-establish democracy to our beloved Cuba. They were in love and it showed through their actions.

In the name of all of us in the Ros and Lehtinen families we would like to ask his friends and everyone else to not be despondent but rather to come together and celebrate his long and fulfilled life. That is what my dad