

on infrastructure. They are investing in their future.

Meanwhile, here at home, we can't even act to extend the highway trust fund, let alone adopt a 21st century plan that invests in our future, invests in America, and rebuilds this Nation in a way that puts people to work and makes us more competitive. How are we supposed to compete with China if we can't even rebuild our own roads and bridges?

We need to act together. Mr. Speaker, the time has long passed. Let's act today.

#### APPRECIATING THE FLYING TIGERS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the Flying Tigers, a courageous group of volunteer pilots of World War II who carried out strategic air support missions to protect the citizens of the Republic of China. This elite group became the 14th Air Force and included my father, First Lieutenant Hugh de Veaux Wilson.

Through the leadership of General Claire Chennault, the Flying Tigers achieved impressive victories, destroying 296 enemy aircraft, stopping the invaders, and saving millions of Chinese lives.

America is always appreciative to the Republic of China military who rescued most of the crews after 15 U.S. planes crashed into China following the Doolittle Raid in 1942. This raid was formed in my hometown of Springdale at Columbia Army Air Base in South Carolina.

I have visited President Jiang Zemin at the Presidential compound in Beijing on a delegation led by Congressman Curt Weldon. Upon hearing of my father's Flying Tiger service, President Jiang Zemin interrupted the meeting to announce his view that, because of the Flying Tigers, "the American military is revered in China."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### MARRIAGE EQUALITY

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter the following words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

"No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were.

"As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies

a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage.

"Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions.

"They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right. The judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is reversed.

"It is so ordered."

These words, Mr. Speaker, were written by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy in his *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling, and they embody what the LGBT community has pursued for decades: equality under the law.

#### HONORING MINNESOTA'S PHIL HOUSLEY

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

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and Minnesota's own, Phil Housley, on his recent induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Phil Housley is a true Minnesotan. Born and raised in the state of hockey, he graduated from South St. Paul High School in 1982.

Phil was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres right out of high school and spent 21 years playing in the National Hockey League for eight different teams.

Phil is a seven-time all-star and the highest scoring U.S.-born defenseman in NHL history. He also helped Team USA win a silver medal in the 2002 Olympics.

Phil played his last professional game in 2003, but his hockey career did not end there. He is currently working as the assistant coach for the Nashville Predators.

Phil was born to compete at the highest level, and he is being recognized with the highest honor his sport can grant: induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Congratulations, Phil. You deserve it.

#### FAMILIES IMPACTED BY OPIATE ABUSE

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I spent part of my day with a number of families from Taunton, Massachusetts, a city in my district that has been tragically impacted by opiate abuse.

Of the families that were there, one young man stood out. Cory was an honor student from Taunton High School. He was a starting pitcher for the baseball team when a pitching in-

jury sidelined him and forced him into surgery. After 12 bouts in rehab, he ended up overdosing on heroin and today continues to suffer brain damage from that overdose.

Mr. Speaker, these stories have become far too common, not just across Taunton and across our Commonwealth in Massachusetts, but around our country.

This is why I rise today to recognize the tremendous work of my colleague, Congressman WHITFIELD, and his work in introducing with me the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act, as well as our colleague Congresswoman SUSAN BROOKS, who has introduced the Heroin and Prescription Opioid Abuse Prevention, Education, and Enforcement Act.

Mr. Speaker, there is no silver bullet to these challenges. Together, this body, piece by piece, can help craft the legislation that we need to get this epidemic under wraps.

#### SANCTUARY CITIES COST INNOCENT LIVES

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, dangerous policies have deadly consequences. We were reminded of this last week when a young woman in San Francisco, Kate Steinle, was tragically murdered by an illegal immigrant who should have been deported long ago.

Unknown to many Americans, cities across the Nation, like San Francisco, have declared that they will be a sanctuary for illegal immigrants. They refuse to cooperate with Federal immigration authorities in violation of Federal law. And victims like Kate Steinle pay the ultimate price.

This administration, regrettably, has condoned sanctuary cities and has done nothing to make them abide by Federal immigration laws.

In this case, the killer had been ordered deported five times and charged with seven previous felonies but had been released instead.

If this administration and local officials in sanctuary cities care about the safety of the American people, they should work to secure our borders and uphold, not undermine, our immigration laws.

#### JORDAN DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015

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

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, I rise in strong support of this bill.

Jordan is a vital and loyal partner in the Middle East. Under King Abdullah's strong leadership, Jordan