

Cpl. Lewis an opening between the female's body and his own, Cpl. Lewis was able to shoot the suspect with his Taser and incapacitate him, bringing the situation to a quick and effective resolution.

Trooper Hilliker handles all traffic and criminal matters with professionalism and personal pride. He continues to take on the extra responsibility of being an explosive K-9 handler on top of his other duties. Trooper Hilliker's dedication to the department and the citizens it serves is unmatched. 2001–2002 Winchester Police Department, 1997–1999 Muskego Police Department Muskego, WI. Terry Hilliker served as a member of the Winchester and Muskego Police Departments as a patrolman where he was tasked with a multitude of responsibilities and challenges when working in local law enforcement. The experience Terry learned during this time is evident in his current role as a trooper. Terry Hilliker started his service related professions with the United States Marine Corps (1976–1996). He served in various command, staff and administrative billets from the platoon, company, and battalion levels to the regimental, brigade, and division level. Terry retired from the Marine Corps with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

DEA Special Agent Thomas Hickey is a contributing member of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force and assists members of the force with numerous narcotics cases annually. Special Agent Hickey has been and continues to be a major supporting federal entity essential to fighting the current heroin epidemic. Special Agent Hickey has been instrumental in numerous local heroin cases by providing intelligence information, identifying major Baltimore, Maryland heroin suppliers and arresting and prosecuting large scale Baltimore heroin distributors who have plagued our communities. Special Agent Hickey is a dedicated law enforcement professional who believes in the working relationships between state, local and federal law enforcement agencies. He continues to provide an expert element to the drug task force that is necessary in combating the drug epidemics that plague our communities. Special Agent Hickey responds to active drug overdoses and assists agents by providing support and advice. He prefers to be involved in local drug cases from the beginning, and often responds to and assists local agents at all hours of the day and night. In 2014 special Agent Hickey initiated, investigated, and prosecuted fourteen large scale federal heroin investigations all of which were directly related to the Winchester, Frederick and Clarke county communities.

**TAIWAN'S PEACE INITIATIVE IN THE TAIPING ISLAND OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA**

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2015*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere appreciation for the Republic of China (Taiwan) recent leadership and initiative in pursuing long-term peace and stability in the South China Sea.

In December 2015, a U.S. State Department official expressed that all claimants should work to reduce regional tensions.

I encourage all relevant countries to resolve maritime disputes in accordance with international laws and regulations, including the United Nations Charter and UN Convention on

the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). I especially take note of Taiwan's willingness to work with other parties concerned, through consultations conducted on the basis of equality and reciprocity, to jointly ensure peace and stability in the South China Sea, to uphold the freedom of navigation and overflight, and to conserve and develop resources in the region.

Tai ping Island is the largest natural and self-sustainable island in Spratly Islands. This island qualifies as an island according to the UNCLOS. Taiwan has set up a hospital in Taiping Island. Over the past decade, this hospital has offered humanitarian assistance to 21 people in 20 cases, including 12 Philippine and Myanmar nationals, which fully demonstrates Taiwan's dedication to humanitarianism.

**COMMEMORATING TROY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. DAVID A. TROTT**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2015*

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the city of Troy, Michigan. Troy has always been a community of opportunity.

The township of Troy became a home rule city in 1955 after the introduction of commercial and industrial development led to tremendous growth in the post-World War II period. Since 1955, Troy has witnessed a myriad of changes including the construction of I-75, the explosion of growth on Big Beaver Road, as well as thriving residential neighborhoods.

These achievements have not gone unnoticed. Troy is consistently rated as one of the safest cities in Michigan, best places to raise a family, and most recently, one of the happiest places in America.

None of these things would be possible without the thousands of city residents that strive each day to improve their community and take care of their families. It is to you, the residents of Troy that I say thank you for the privilege of representing you in Congress and congratulations to Troy for sixty prosperous years, with many more to come.

**RECOGNIZING THE MARSHALL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY TCAL DIVISION II STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

**HON. LOUIE GOHMERT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2015*

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, for more than twenty five years, Marshall Christian Academy has been providing Christian based education to students whose families desire them to have a solid foundation in academics and athletics, while developing excellence and Christ-centered character. It is a great honor to recognize the Marshall Christian Academy Guardians on their most recent accomplishment, capturing the Texas Christian Athletic League Division II 6-man Football State Championship title.

Marshall Christian Academy takes pride in working on the A, B, and Cs—attitude, behav-

ior, and conduct, in both academics and athletics. The school website states, "At Marshall Christian Academy, we play Six-Man Football to work in the character of Christ to our young men. God has blessed us with the opportunity to play the great game of football. Six-Man is an effective tool for developing young men in discipleship and training them in the game of life—how to play a game, how to be tough and how to represent Jesus Christ on and off the field."

The team fought and overcame a number of obstacles before claiming the state title, proving once again they are champions in every sense of the word. Their season was riddled with lengthy travel, inclement weather, illnesses, and a devastating car accident which seriously injured two team members and claimed the life of a family member. But through it all, the Guardians relied on the power of prayer to persevere and emerge triumphant, resulting in a season culminating in their first ever state football championship with a 36–28 win over Annapolis Christian Academy.

The Marshall Christian Academy Guardians achieving this landmark accomplishment include David Florence, Stephan Florence, William Hency, Ryan Stokell, Aslan Bell, Andrew Stokell, Dylan Alfred, Hunter Cagle, Dazmond Lewis, Noah Heredia, Caleb Beesinger and Matthew Stokell.

Congratulations should be extended to the dedicated faculty and staff members who so skillfully created the solid foundation of direction and motivation necessary to build a team of champions: Marshall Christian Academy Administrators Raymond Bade, Duane Schultz and Guy Barr III, along with the Guardians' athletic staff comprised of Head Coach Guy Barr III, along with Assistant Coaches Jeff Arrington, Tyrone Robinson and Robert Stokell.

May God continue to bless their efforts so they may one day dedicate their drive and determination to help make this great country even stronger. My most enthusiastic and heartfelt congratulations to the Marshall Christian Academy Guardians, as their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD which will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

**REFLECTING ON THE RECOVERY OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SINCE TYPHOON SOUDELOR**

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2015*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, on the night of August 2nd and through the early morning of August 3rd this year, Typhoon Soudelor lashed through the Northern Mariana Islands, causing widespread destruction to homes, businesses, and infrastructure, uprooting the lives of the people I represent here in Congress.

Today, I want to reflect on that event, and on the exceptional grace and generosity that have made recovery possible.

The typhoon's impact was especially grave on Saipan, the most populated island in the

Northern Marianas. Soudelor rendered hundreds of families homeless overnight. It also decimated infrastructure—knocking out power and water systems, shutting down the ports, ravaging the college, schools and other public buildings.

Survival is a way of life in our islands. We are accustomed to bracing ourselves through tropical storms and picking ourselves up when skies clear. But the sheer ferocity of Typhoon Soudelor caught us all off-guard. Even the National Weather Service failed to foresee the force of this storm.

That there was no loss of life is testament to the resilience and resourcefulness of our people. And we are grateful to Providence for sparing us.

As long as we live, those of us who experienced Soudelor will not forget the wreckage we saw the morning after. Nor will we forget the hardship that followed, the long hours in line for food and fuel and other necessities, the days of physical suffering and distress, the weeks without power and running water.

Soudelor tested our infrastructure, our government, and our capacity as a community to deal with disaster.

Now, however, four months after the storm, I can report that conditions are greatly improved, since that long and terrifying night in August.

Electricity is restored, and residents have daily water service. Streets have been cleaned in our villages and commercial districts. Students are in school. Businesses have reopened. Workers are employed again. Families are putting their lives back together.

Though there is still much to reconstruct and strengthen to be better prepared and more resilient than before, it is remarkable how far we have come on the road to recovery.

So, today, I want to thank all those who contributed to this successful response to adversity. There are so many individuals and organizations. It is not possible for me to know and name each and every one. Their collective efforts prove how much can be done, when people work together towards a common goal.

First we thank the American people, who gave without hesitation to fellow citizens in need. When all is said and done, American taxpayers will have contributed an estimated 100 million dollars in federal disaster aid to feed those who had no food, shelter those who lost their homes, repair residences and replace lost property, reopen shops and return the economy to life, revive the power and water systems. In doing all this, they gave us the hope that we needed to work our way to recovery.

We thank President Barack Obama and Governor Eloy Inos for their leadership in ensuring the prompt availability of resources to address the state of disaster in the Northern Marianas.

We thank the Federal Emergency Management Agency team, led by Federal Coordinating Officer Stephen De Blasio. FEMA's collaborative spirit set the tone for the response, working with other federal agencies and responders to aid the thousands of typhoon survivors.

We thank our U.S. service members, who mobilized quickly to produce and distribute drinking water, clear debris, clean up fuel spills, and transport critical supplies and equipment.

We thank our Commonwealth emergency management crews, utility workers, police officers and firefighters, healthcare professionals, educators, and other local government employees, who answered the call to serve even as their own families were picking up the pieces of their shattered homes and lives.

We thank our local businesses, shuttered by the storm, who nevertheless rallied together to raise funds for the recovery effort.

We thank the legions of volunteers—of all ages, all religions and races, many survivors themselves—who came forward to share food, water, clothing, shelter, and comfort with their fellow human beings.

And we thank our friends from throughout the Pacific region, and indeed throughout the world, for sending supplies, expertise, and equipment by air and by sea to help us back on our feet.

Today, the marks of Typhoon Soudelor are still to be seen in homes and businesses yet to be repaired, debris yet to be removed. But beneath these physical scars, a new strength is arising.

A new community-based working group known as CARE—the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts—has emerged. The people in CARE—from all walks of life, private and public sector, formal and informal organizations—are committed to rebuilding our island home so that it is stronger and better than before.

With this newborn spirit of hope, cooperation and interdependence I am confident that we will succeed.

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RECOGNIZING THE 60TH YEAR OF  
DESEGREGATION OF THE CITY  
OF MEMPHIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2015*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th year of desegregation of the City of Memphis Fire Department. On July 11, 1955, twelve African American men were recruited to join the Memphis Fire Department and were assigned to Fire Station No. 8 located at E.H. Crump and Mississippi Boulevards. They were: Robert Crawford; Carl Stotts; Floyd Newsum; Norvell Wallace; George Dumas; John Copper; William Carter; Leon Parsons; Richard Burns; Lawrence Yates; Leroy Johnson; and Murray Pugues. Like many African Americans who worked to break the barriers erected by Jim Crow era laws, there were many challenges to being the first to integrate the fire department, but their love for the city of Memphis and desire to keep citizens safe from harm helped them to overcome the challenges with the highest levels of determination and professionalism.

For many years following integration, racial differences dictated how African American firefighters responded to fires. In his book "Black Fire: Portrait of a Black Memphis Firefighter," Robert Crawford recalled how the twelve men were required to wait outside homes belonging to white residents until after the Captain inspected the home to ensure any woman present was appropriately dressed. When responding to fires at residences belonging to African Americans, the twelve were allowed to

enter and investigate alongside their white colleagues. Crawford also recounted the challenges he and others faced when working with firefighters from other firehouses around the city, obtaining information on fighting fires and in being considered for promotions.

Fire Station No. 8 became well-known for its crews' perseverance, work ethic and bravery in the line of duty. Over time, other fire companies became open to working with the men, which led to the full integration of the Memphis Fire Department. This was, however, not without resistance from some within the department who were opposed to such change, even into the 1980s when some of the twelve men had been promoted to high ranks. By the time of their retirements, they had achieved the ranks of: Robert Crawford—Deputy Director of the Memphis Fire Department; Carl Stotts—Deputy Chief; Floyd Newsum—Division Chief; Norvell Wallace—Assistant Fire Marshal; George Dumas—Battalion Commander; John Copper—Captain; William Carter—Fire Inspector; Leon Parsons—Lieutenant; Richard Burns—Private; and Lawrence Yates—Private. Sixty years later, the Memphis Fire Department remains integrated and three African Americans have held the highest position of Director, including Alvin Benson who now serves as the Chief of the Shelby County Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, these twelve men are a part of Memphis history. They are honored with an exhibit at the Fire Museum of Memphis and they have a place in the hearts of the citizens of Memphis. Now, they will be honored and remembered in the United States CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 60th year of desegregation of the Memphis Fire Department.

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HONORING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DEATH OF U.S.  
BORDER PATROL AGENT BRIAN  
TERRY

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2015*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Terry and his service to this great country as a U.S. Border Patrol agent.

In 2009, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives began a program known as "Operation Fast and Furious." The program was a malignant attempt to track 2,000 weapons destined for drug cartels.

Five years ago, Border Patrol agents were assaulted by a band of robbers 17 miles inside the U.S. border in Arizona, resulting in the death of Brian Terry on December 15, 2010. Two of the guns found at the scene were linked to Operation Fast and Furious. Together with Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY and the Senate Judiciary Committee, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform attempted to get answers for the Terry family, but this effort has been stonewalled and obstructed by those responsible for the ill-conceived Operation.

Before serving three and a half years with the U.S. Border Patrol, Agent Terry served in the United States Marine Corps and worked as a police officer in Ecorse and Lincoln Park, Michigan, not far from his hometown of Flat