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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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I rise today to celebrate National Police Week and honor the brave men and women who wear the badge.

Across the Commonwealth and our nation, police officers put on their uniforms each day knowing they may face danger and spend long hours away from their loved ones, all in an answer to a call of duty to protect and serve their community.

To everyone who has volunteered to serve in law enforcement, thank you.

Over the past 15 months, Congress has taken action to back the blue. Last year, I was proud to see the *Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act* signed into law to honor former Tompkinsville and Monroe County Police Chief Herbert D. Proffitt, who was killed in 2012 by a suspect whom he had arrested years earlier. This legislation allows retired officers and their families to be eligible for benefits if they suffer permanent disability or death in an event related to their service.

I have also supported the *Thin Blue Line Act*, which would strengthen penalties for criminals who target law enforcement officers, and the *Protect and Serve Act* which strengthens federal criminal penalties for knowingly assaulting a law enforcement officer.

Law enforcement officers are a core part of our communities; they are our neighbors, coaches, community leaders, and so much more. They serve on the front lines to protect our families and keep our communities safe.

This week we especially remember the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their service will never be forgotten, and we owe their families a debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid.

To every law enforcement officer serving today, thank you. America is stronger and safer because of your dedication and commitment.

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