

In Memory of Brian Sicknick

“This is not normal. This cannot become normal. We as a community, we as a society, we as a country cannot condone the normalization of the January 6 Capitol riot.”

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth in sentencing notes for a convicted J6 rioter

I received this unsolicited email from Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks, the Republican who currently represents my district in the U.S. Congress:

This National Police Week, we pause to honor the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of law enforcement officers across the country – especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

In my response I asked Miller-Meeks where she had been on January 20, 2025, the date on which disgraced Donald J. Trump (himself a convicted felon) pardoned the convicted felons who had brutally assaulted the law enforcement officers of January 6, those courageous men and women in blue who were the only line of defense standing between these violent rioters and the Republican lawmakers who fled for their lives and cowered in the Capitol’s basement safe room.

Where was she, I asked, when Trump swept under the legal carpet the vicious crimes that left 140 brave men and women injured, scarred, and traumatized, many for life. What was she doing to honor their courage, sacrifice, and dedication?

Where was she, I asked, when Trump dishonored the service of all those patriotic American citizens who gave of their time and of themselves to serve on the juries that convicted these violent perpetrators of criminal assaults only to see Trump insult them by calling the convicted rioters patriots and accusing the jurors who convicted them of being deep state tools of a weaponized Department of Justice.

The office of Representative Miller-Meeks responded by saying (and I quote), “the events of January 6th were certainly troubling and should not be repeated.”

The events? A rock concert is an event – the J6 insurrection was high treason!

Certainly troubling? Shoplifting is troubling – the J6 riot was a deadly assault on our democracy!

Should not be repeated? The way to assure crimes are not repeated is to hold criminals to account!

Miller-Meeks and her Republican colleagues in Congress have even blocked placement of a plaque honoring the courage and sacrifice of the police officers who fought to protect our Capitol, and the lives of those Republicans, from the violence and vandalism of J6 rioters, even though that plaque is required by a law enacted by Congress before Trump’s 2024 election.

This is how the new lower case gop (gutless obsequious puppets) of Donald J. Trump “honor” the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of the law enforcement officers who gave their all to defend the political jellyfish who later that same day would try to overturn our American election.

For the courageous law enforcement officers who defended our nation’s Capitol, and the politicians cowering within, from the assault of Trump’s violent rioters, true heroes who will never receive the Republican apology they deserve.