

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLOTTE
MCGALLICHER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Ms. Charlotte McGallicher of Round Hill, Virginia. Ms. McGallicher is a graduate and Student Ambassador of Monroe Technology Center where she received a certification in residential and commercial air conditioning, refrigeration and heating equipment repair. This fall she will attend the University of South Alabama to study nursing. Whether assisting local businesses with her HVAC certification or helping Loudoun County parents and students as a Student Ambassador, she always makes a positive contribution to her community.

In her most recent undertaking, Ms. McGallicher helped a local business owner, June Bush of Lothar's Gourmet Sausages in Purcellville, save her malfunctioning freezer whose manufacturer had gone out of business. Without a warranty, June was ready to throw away the freezer and buy a new one. But Ms. McGallicher—with the help of her HVAC teacher, Marty Park, and her fellow classmates—identified the freezer's problem and fixed it. Putting her skills to work, Ms. McGallicher was able to lend a helping hand to a neighbor in need.

Today, science, technology, engineering and math are critical to the future of our nation. It is young STEM leaders, like Ms. McGallicher, who will help the United States maintain its vital lead in the global economy for the next generation. I strongly encourage Ms. McGallicher, and all of my constituents, to continue exploring and developing their talents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Ms. Charlotte McGallicher for her dedication to serving her community and helping others. I wish her all the best in all her future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF CATERPILLAR INC. CEO
DOUGLAS OBERHELMAN

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Douglas Oberhelman of Peoria, Illinois for his notable tenure as Chief Executive Officer of Caterpillar Inc.

In 1975, Douglas began his career with Caterpillar in the treasury department. Since then, he has established himself as a leader and has participated in various businesses across the company. His talent and drive led to him

being selected as Caterpillar's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 1995. Sixteen years later, Oberhelman was named Chairman of the Board of Directors and Caterpillar's Chief Executive Officer.

Despite being named CEO in the midst of an economic crisis, Douglas led Caterpillar to the highest sales and revenue peak in company history. In addition to record high sales, Douglas focused on improving customer service and safety standards within the company and across the world.

Throughout his career, Oberhelman has had the distinguished honor of serving on the Board of Directors of the Exxon Mobil Corporation, the Business Council, and being named Chairman of the Business Roundtable. Additionally, his remarkable leadership in the industry was further recognized when he was named Chair of the National Association of Manufacturers. Further, Douglas and his wife, Diane, have been generous supporters of our local community with longstanding donations of time and resources to the Easter Seals Foundation of Central Illinois, Millikin University, the Boy Scouts of America, and a multitude of conservation organizations and efforts.

Douglas is known throughout Central Illinois for not only his outstanding business acumen, but also his innovative and visionary leadership of Caterpillar. Our community has been fortunate to benefit from the hard work and leadership of Douglas Oberhelman, I extend my sincerest congratulations to him on a successful career and I look forward to seeing his legacy continue in Central Illinois.

ELECTORS MUST BE BRIEFED BY
INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ON
ACTIVITIES OF ENTITIES ALLIED
WITH GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA
UNDERTAKEN TO INFLUENCE
THE OUTCOME OF 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the House Committee on the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committee; ranking member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, I rise today in support of the request of several Presidential Electors to be briefed by the Intelligence Communities regarding the activities of the Government of Russia to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election.

Further, since this information bears directly on the decision to be made by the Electors, it must be provided to them before they are required to assemble in the several state capitals to cast their votes.

Mr. Speaker, the linchpin of representative democracies such as the United States is pub-

lic confidence in the political system, regime, and community.

That confidence in turn rests upon the extent to which the public has faith that the system employed to select its leaders accurately reflects its preferences.

At bottom, this means that all citizens casting a vote have a fundamental right and reasonable expectation that the votes cast count and are counted.

This means that the American people must be able to freely elect their leaders without interference, covert or overt, from foreign governments or entities allied with foreign powers.

As Alexander Hamilton explained in Federalist Paper No. 68, "On the Mode of Electing the President," the Constitution reposes in each person chosen to serve as an Elector the sacred trust of disregarding the 'talents for low intrigue, and the little arts of popularity,' and instead selecting as President the person who is in the most 'eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications.'

The facts related to the activities of the Government of Russia to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election bear directly on the decision to be made by the Electors and thus should be made known to them before they are required to assemble in the several state capitals to cast their votes.

In Federalist Paper No. 68, Alexander Hamilton warned that one of the "most deadly adversaries of republican government arises 'chiefly from the desire in foreign powers to gain an improper ascendant in our councils' and points out that there is no better way to achieve this objective than 'than by raising a creature of their own to [be President], the chief magistracy of the Union.'

To guard against foreign machinations of this sort, the Constitution entrusted the selection of the President to Electors, 'persons, selected by their fellow-citizens from the general mass, most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite to such complicated investigations' as choice of President.

Given the gravity and consequences of the decision they are to make, it is essential that information they deem material to their deliberations should and must be provided to them.

In this instance, that means being briefed by the Intelligence Community prior to December 19, 2016 regarding the activities of entities allied with the Government of Russia undertaken to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election.

MICHAEL PELLEGRINO BEING
NAMED A FINALIST FOR THE
WASHINGTON POST'S 2016 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Michael Pellegrino for being named

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