

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. BARES'S
3RD GRADE CLASS

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young artists in Mrs. Bares's 3rd grade class at Houghton Elementary in White Lake, Michigan.

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In an effort to highlight young artists from across Michigan's 11th Congressional District, this year, I announced the 1st Annual "Color my Capitol" Program.

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Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Bares's 3rd graders did not disappoint. Their creations are unique, innovative, and imaginative. Their colorful artwork embodies our country's bright and promising future with these sharp young minds leading the way.

It is my utmost honor to have their artwork displayed in my Congressional district office in Troy, Michigan for everyone who visits to enjoy. Each and every time I walk into my office, I am reminded of their talent.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bares and the young artists she has the pleasure of teaching.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN PATRICK LYNN PATTY AS THE ROBERT JACKSON EURY MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kannapolis Police Captain Patrick Lynn Patty for receiving the Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

A native of North Carolina, Captain Patty has served with the Kannapolis Police Department in North Carolina's 8th Congressional District since 1994. Throughout his career, Captain Patty has served as a Patrol Officer, Field Trainer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Field Operation Bureau Captain and now commands the Support Services Bureau. Captain Patty's outstanding leadership and commitment in these roles for the Kannapolis Police Department made him stand out in our community. Additionally, Captain Patty put his life on the line for our nation, serving four years as an Airborne Infantry Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army.

This award is presented in memory of Robert Jackson Eury, a man who lost his life in line of duty while serving as a Cabarrus County law enforcement officer. This award keeps Mr. Eury's legacy alive through officers who share his same admirable and commendable spirit in Cabarrus County. Based on his career of service, I would say Captain Patty fits the mold of esteemed law enforcement officers in our community set by Robert Eury.

There is no doubt in my mind that Captain Patty will continue his outstanding leadership and maintain his unwavering values while protecting the people of Cabarrus County. I am excited to see what the future holds for such a dedicated officer.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Captain Patrick Patty as the Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award recipient and wish him well as he continues to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE FRANK WOLF

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to use this time to honor my former boss and mentor, the Honorable Frank Wolf, who has dedicated much of his life to public service as he represented the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District for 34 years.

Congressman Frank Wolf was at the forefront of many important issues for over three decades. He was a leader in bringing metro rail to Dulles and worked in a bipartisan manner on numerous transportation initiatives. He also assumed a leading role in addressing the mounting problem of gang violence in Northern Virginia and helped secure funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. And while he clearly played a crucial and prominent role in a variety of issues affecting the Commonwealth of Virginia, arguably, his most signature achievements have stemmed from his leadership on humanitarian issues abroad.

He has been a tireless and zealous crusader for oppressed religious minorities and was the conscience of the Congress on human rights and religious liberty. As co-chair of the bipartisan House Human Rights Caucus, Congressman Wolf made it his mission to be the voice of the voiceless and shed light upon the plight of millions of people persecuted because of their religion. Since departing from Congress, Mr. Wolf has continued to carry the torch of religious freedom, with his passionate advocacy, as he leads the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative to create a world where religious freedom is recognized by nations across the globe as a fundamental human right.

Congressman Wolf's efforts to raise awareness for the voiceless also extended to the innocent victims of human trafficking. In Congress, he worked with local elected officials and law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth in spearheading initiatives to eradicate human trafficking. He also took steps to educate the public about this largely unknown problem and increase community involvement in aiding the victims of these horrific crimes. In recognition of these valiant strides, he was selected as the 2014 Lifetime Pathbreaker Award recipient.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the legacy of Congressman Wolf, as we recognize his many contributions. We cannot thank him enough for services he provided to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to our country. I look forward to his continued

contributions in promoting religious freedom and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING ADINA & LAWRENCE
GARBUZ

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two people who have left an indelible mark on the New Rochelle community, Adina and Lawrence Garbuz. This year, Young Israel of New Rochelle are honoring Adina and Lawrence for all they have done on behalf of the community, and you cannot find two individuals more deserving of the honor.

Whether to YINR, SAR or most importantly their family, Adina and Lawrence demonstrate by example what it means to help others. They moved to New Rochelle in 2002 and immediately became involved in the YINR community. In addition to currently serving on the YINR Executive Board as Treasurer, Adina has held multiple positions in all areas of our shul. Adina has served as Women's League President and Treasurer after being involved in the New Mother's committee as well as more than once spearheading the mishloach manot project. Her sound advice and perspective made her a perfect choice for the Board, and Executive Board.

Lawrence has also found his own way to connect to YINR, forging a strong friendship and learning partnership with Rabbi Fink as well as attending for many years daf yomi. He also assisted the Men's Club, helped organize the very successful Saturday night ping pong tournaments and for many years distributed mishloach manot in Brooklyn. He is also often called upon to handle sensitive matters for our members who are in need of his professional expertise.

In addition to Adina and Lawrence's commitment to YINR, they are supporters of their alma mater Cardozo Law School, the Bronx Jewish Community Council, and the Joint Distribution Committee. But their strongest commitment is to their four children Ella, Liav, Jonah and Eva whom they raise with their strong values of giving to others and to one's community.

Adina and Lawrence have shown a tireless dedication to both YINR and the neighborhood. On this special occasion, I want to take the opportunity to thank them for that tireless effort, and congratulate them on receiving this most distinguished honor.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. GEYER'S
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OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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WILL THE HONG KONG MODEL SURVIVE (AN ASSESSMENT 20 YEARS AFTER THE HANDOVER)

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I made the following remarks at the hearing held by the Congressional-Executive Commission on China which I co-chair with Senator MARCO RUBIO regarding human rights in Hong Kong:

Two and half years ago, tens of thousands of Hong Kong's residents peacefully gathered in the streets, yellow umbrellas in hand, seeking electoral reform and greater democracy.

Joshua Wong was at the forefront of that movement—along with Nathan Law and Alex Chow and so many young student leaders. The Umbrella Movement was not only composed of students, but included veterans of the democracy movement in Hong Kong, including Martin Lee.

It is good to see Joshua and Martin here today, bringing together the generations of advocates committed to Hong Kong's freedom and autonomy.

Joshua Wong and all those associated with the Umbrella Movement have become important symbols of Hong Kong's vitality and its freedoms. They are now part of Hong Kong's unique brand and any effort to detain, censor, or intimidate them damages that brand.

Over the past two years, Senator RUBIO and I, along with other members of the China Commission, have introduced the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act and we have worked in Congress to maintain the State Department's annual report on Hong Kong.

We have issued statements of concern about the political prosecutions of Joshua and other Umbrella Movement leaders; the unprecedented interventions by the Chinese government in Hong Kong's courts and political affairs, and the abductions Hong Kong book-sellers and other citizens.

We have also discussed the erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy and freedoms with both U.S. and Chinese officials.

I want to commend Senator RUBIO for his leadership on human rights issues and on Hong Kong. We have worked together closely and I am honored to work with him on the China Commission. Senator RUBIO is a true champion of the globe's oppressed and persecuted.

As long as I have the privilege of serving as a Chair of the China Commission, I promise to continue shining a light on Hong Kong. Maintaining Hong Kong's autonomy is a critical U.S. interest. The U.S. also has a clear interest in Beijing abiding by its international agreements—in Hong Kong and elsewhere.

The democratic aspirations of the people of Hong Kong cannot be indefinitely suppressed. I promise to stand with Hong Kong and call attention to violations of basic human rights as long as I serve in Congress.

Though Beijing's increasingly rough oversight of Hong Kong may not be as brutal as that pursued on the Mainland, it is no less pernicious. The ultimate goal is eroding Hong Kong's guaranteed freedoms and the rule law and intimidating those who try to defend them.

This year will be the 20th anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong. Unfortunately it seems the territory's autonomy looks increasingly fragile.

We are coming up on another anniversary as well, the 25th anniversary of the Hong Kong Policy Act.

At this juncture we should be examining both the health of the "one country, two systems" model and examining the very assumptions that underlie U.S.-Hong Kong relations. What can be done differently, what new priorities should be set?

The Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 was based on the assumption that freedom, the rule of law, and autonomy promised to Hong Kong would be protected and respected.

It was also based on the assumption that time was on the side of freedom—that trade and investment would eventually bring political liberalization and human rights to Mainland China.

As Chairman RUBIO and I have been saying for some time, one can no longer base U.S. policy on the "fantasy" that China's future will be more democratic and more open.

Mainland China has become more repressive, not less. Prosperity has turned a poor authoritarian country into a rich authoritarian country with predictable results for China's rights defenders, ethnic and religious groups, labor and democracy advocates, foreign businesses and Hong Kong's autonomy.

Some will argue that the best course of action would be to retreat into a hard realism, recognize China's interests and spheres of influence and protect U.S. interests. We could ignore what is happening in Hong Kong and shift responsibility to the British or some undefined international body.

I disagree.

We don't need a new realism to govern our China policy. Instead, we need a new idealism—a renewed commitment to democratic ideals, to human rights, and the rule of law in ways that compete directly with the Chinese model in Asia and Africa and elsewhere.

Chinese leaders need to know that the United States stands for freedom of expression, the freedom of religion, Internet freedom, the rule of law, universal suffrage, and an end to torture as critical interests, necessary for bilateral relations, and linked to the expansion of mutual prosperity and integrated security.

The U.S. should also push back hard against the erosion of freedom and autonomy in Hong Kong.

It is in everyone's interest that Hong Kong remain a free and prosperous bridge between China and the West, but the city's unique vitality and prosperity are rooted in its guaranteed freedoms. If Hong Kong is to become just another Mainland Chinese city, we will have to reassess whether Hong Kong warrants special status under U.S. law.

The arc of history does not bend toward justice without concerted action from all freedom-loving peoples. If the U.S. and the international community does not defend the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong's citizens now, there is little hope that freedom can take root in China's future.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 8

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine Russian interference in the 2016 United States election.

SD-226

MAY 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Cyber Command; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on the path forward.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), Robert Daigle, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program