

Who coined The Reagan Doctrine this one  
 As he believed in his self with each new jour-  
 ney he begun  
 As why Sir Charles stands as American Roy-  
 alty in Journalism this one  
 Armed with his fine soul and integrity a cut  
 above all the other ones  
 Who masquerade and lose their way in their  
 sacred charge for truth begun  
 Who are the fourth pillar in this great Re-  
 public which relies and depends upon  
 For your lessons Charles are of Gold to all  
 among  
 About taking life's hardest falls to rise up  
 against all odds like the morning sun  
 And not to wallow in self-pity,  
 but with your light to shine and overcome  
 To laugh and love all in your short time to  
 come  
 And not let the darkness of the world make  
 you succumb  
 When, courage comes to crest  
 It's there you'll find throughout history  
 came America's best  
 As you Charles who our Nation has blessed  
 As Father, a Husband, a Journalist, and a  
 citizen of the world who would not rest  
 Excelling at each and every one of those to  
 bring your best,  
 Someone to look up to as we were your  
 guest.  
 As a man of character and class the likes of  
 Edward R Murrow,  
 for the truth you too would not rest  
 Giving no one a pass  
 So articulate and witty,  
 and armed with such a beautiful mind all  
 others surpassed  
**ANALYZE THIS**  
 Sir Charles gave back to Journalism some  
 much needed nobility and class  
 The likes of which in a bygone era reined  
 throughout America's past  
 And yet no kinder or humble man then  
 Charles ever crossed your path  
 As he made each moment count,  
 while he climbed each mountain, the Lord  
 put in his path  
 And at a young age when his strong body  
 failed,  
 with his mind and soul and faith and family  
 would hold his course steadfast  
 With mind over matter always up to the task  
 With the great love of a magnificent wife  
 Robin,  
 and son Daniel he strode such a great path  
 Into someone to look up to all in our hearts  
 which will last  
 Aren't these 'The Things Which Matter' I  
 ask?  
 While, Baseball and Chess were his hearts  
 desirers,  
 he always went deep in his life checkmating  
 heartache to climb higher  
 Even the Pulitzer Prize he'd acquire  
 And oh, his National's in his heart created  
 such a warm fire!  
 As a Renaissance Man our world so inspired  
 With "The Things Which Matter" his gift to  
 take us even higher  
 Until, the very end with his beautiful mind  
 and soul still us inspired  
 With his one final email to touch our hearts  
 and lift us higher  
 As he taught us how to live and how to die  
 and say goodbye  
 With such class and character, we now stand  
 with tear in eye  
 In Heaven your Dad is saying, what took you  
 so long, it's about time,  
 And you and Edward Murrow are laughing  
 and are not in sorrow  
 David Bloom, Walter Cronkite, Ed Bradley  
 and Tim Russert for you are making  
 room  
 With a new Angel on the rise,  
 who will watch over us for the rest of our  
 lives

As he has taught us what can be achieved  
 with a beautiful, heart, soul, and mind  
 And the beauty of hope so divine  
 With his life well led all in his time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUT-  
 STANDING SERVICE OF DR.  
 LENORA PETERS

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today and recognize the achievements of Dr. Lenora Peters Gant, current Senior Executive Academic National Security Fellow at Howard University School of Business through the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). Revered for her U.S. security and intelligence expertise, Dr. Gant's profound leadership speaks to her devotion to public service and the impact she has made throughout the intelligence community.

Dr. Gant holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Education and Management from Florida A&M University, a Master of Education from the George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. in Education/Technology Learning & Human Resources Management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In addition, Dr. Gant furthered her academic pursuits by obtaining certificates in Executive Development and Leadership Development from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a certificate in 21st Century Leadership from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. Her tenacious desire to pursue her education is truly inspiring.

Dr. Gant's phenomenal leadership expands numerous roles that include the U.S. Department of Defense, where she managed a multi-million dollar budget for human resources management, education, and technology-based diversity training initiatives. From 2004 to 2012, Dr. Gant served as Director of the ODNI Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, which is comprised of over 30 colleges and universities across the United States. Under her leadership, IC-CAE became a standard bearer for government partnerships with academia. In 2014, she was appointed as the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Senior Executive for Academic Outreach and STEM where she directed, planned, and executed approaches to originate, develop, and formalize NGA corporate academic outreach for Geospatial Sciences and Scientific and Technology. In 2016, Dr. Gant led the ODNI Office of Policy and Strategy's Career Mobility Program Initiative, where she oversaw and directed over fifty senior leaders and managers across five ODNI Directorates.

In addition to Dr. Gant's professional pursuits, she has received numerous awards in honor of her achievements and contribution to her line of work. In April 2010, Dr. Gant was awarded Harvard University Donald M. Stewart Alumni Achievement Award for leadership and public service. In May 2016, she was awarded the Vanderbilt University's Peabody College Distinguished Alumna Award. Furthermore, the former Director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) George Tenet appointed

Dr. Gant as the international community's representative to the President's White House One America Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lenora Peters Gant is more than deserving of recognition for her service to our country. I am pleased to take this moment to celebrate her dedication and unwavering contribution to the intelligence community. I want to congratulate her once again for her many years of distinguished service to our nation. I wish her well as she embarks upon her retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS  
 LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2018

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2018, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide certification and support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including, among other things, assistance with disability claims and appeals and foreclosures. There are already at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which serves as a national model for this idea and was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics.

More than 600,000 veterans are waiting for their disability claims to be processed by the VA. With the assistance of lawyers and law professors, clinical programs provide free legal resources to assist veterans in processing their claims. My bill would merely build on what some law schools have begun to do for the last several years. More needs to be done to sustain and increase these programs.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who have repeatedly put their lives on the line for this country.

HONORING 4 CORNERS FARM

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2018*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Gray Family and their 4 Corners Farm in South Newbury, Vermont for a remarkable 40 years of growing quality food for Vermonters.

For owners Bob and Kim Gray, July 1, 2018 also marks their 40th wedding anniversary. Like many farming partnerships, theirs is a tested one based on mutual admiration and respect, a major factor in their collective success in growing food, a farm, and a family.

Their story is unique. Both Bob and Kim are former members of the U.S. Ski Team. Bob represented the United States in cross country skiing at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. Kim

was a competitive World Cup downhill ski racer. Both Vermonters, they met in 1975 while training. Their mutual dream of running a farm took root. Kim studied agriculture at Vermont Technical College. In 1978 they got married and decided to channel their athletic energy and skill into farming the land in Vermont's Connecticut River Valley.

They started growing produce in Hartland's Four Corners where they rented a 40-acre plot and sold produce at the farmers' market in Norwich. By the fall of 1981, they had saved up enough money to make a down payment on an old farmhouse in South Newbury. The following year, they moved the farm there, started a family, and have been farming ever since.

Today, the 4 Corners Farm is a family affair. Bob and Kim's sons, Peter and Charlie, together with Peter's partner Marie, all help manage the farm. Peter returned home to Vermont after receiving a degree from Montana State University and Charlie came home after serving in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps. Their daughter, Molly, a Vermont-educated lawyer, recently returned home to help with the farm's administration. Their step-children, Betsy and Travis, have also helped over the years.

As life can sometimes do, Kim was thrown a curve ball about 20 years ago when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Despite the infinite daily obstacles, she continues to manage and operate the farm with sheer tenacity and an indomitable spirit.

Mr. Speaker, there are no words to adequately describe the beauty of this farm and the great pride the Gray family takes in producing high quality food for Vermonters. They grow fruits and vegetables on roughly 50 acres including a pick your own strawberry operation. For over 20 years, Kim has also managed the farm's jersey cow operation. Their market overflows with the freshest garden vegetables, fruits, milk, cheese, and meat all grown and raised in their fields. They still maintain a stand at the Norwich Farmers' Market and deliver to coops and restaurants in the area. Their motto, "All we sell is our own," says it all.

What perhaps is most remarkable is the Gray family's 40 years of stewardship of the land and community. They continue to nurture and reinvest in the land and the farm to ensure it can produce food for future generations. Over the years, they have employed and mentored hundreds of employees, sharing their knowledge and promoting a farming way of life.

For Vermont's farmers, marketing their products can be tough. If not for the state's commitment to and support for its farms and farming families, 4 Corners Farm, and many others, would not be around today. The 4 Corners Farm is a product of community-supported agriculture and of a loyal and local following equally invested in good stewardship of the land and the production of local food.

THE NEED TO FULLY FUND AND PROTECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S INVESTIGATION OF RUSSIA'S INTERFERENCE IN 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ATTACK ON AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the House on the critical importance of fully funding the investigation by Special Counsel Robert Mueller into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and the extent to which officials of the Trump Campaign may have aided and encouraged this attack on our democracy.

If we are to protect the rule of law and prevent future interference in our elections, it is essential that Special Counsel Mueller's thorough and nonpartisan investigation continued unimpeded until all the facts are known and laid bare before the American people.

There are at least five (5) reasons why the Congress must act to protect the Special Counsel's Russia investigation from White House interference and obstruction.

First, we need to restore public confidence in our elections and protect against interference in the future.

Our intelligence agencies are unanimous in their conclusions that Russia engaged in an unprecedented campaign to undermine our elections through cyber-attacks, dissemination of false information, and other intelligence operations.

It is imperative that we understand fully the nature of the interference and how to harden our electoral processes to prevent future attacks.

Second, there is evidence that Trump campaign operatives conspired with the Russians.

As disturbing as the Russian attack on the election is, the growing likelihood that some Americans aided this most hostile foreign adversary in undermining the very foundation of our democracy.

There is much circumstantial evidence to support this conclusion.

Members of the Trump Campaign high-command had meetings with Russian officials that were not disclosed in testimony and in security clearance applications.

Senior Trump Campaign officials attempted to establish secret communications with the Russian government that would preclude oversight by U.S. intelligence agencies.

Senior Trump Campaign officials had unusual financial ties to Russia.

Senior Trump Campaign officials had advance knowledge of when Russian operatives would release documents stolen by the Russians from the Clinton campaign.

Senior Trump Campaign officials (including Trump's son and son-in-law, and Campaign Chairman) met in Trump Tower on June 9, 2016 with a Kremlin-linked Russian lawyer and a former Soviet counterintelligence officer under the assumption they would provide politically damaging information about Hillary Clinton as part of the Russian government's efforts to support the Trump campaign.

The firing of FBI Director James Comey has increased suspicion of collusion with the Russian government.

The FBI determined that there was sufficient evidence to warrant an investigation into possible collusion with the Russian government.

According to Former FBI Director James Comey, President Trump made unusual requests of him; including asking for his loyalty and hoping he would derail the Russian investigation.

Director Comey refused to make such commitments.

On May 9, 2017, President Trump fired Director Comey and admitted publically the next day that he fired Director Comey "because of the Russia investigation."

The Special Counsel must have the resources needed to perform a fair and credible investigation.

The Department of Justice's appointment of former FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III to oversee the investigation was met with wide approval in Congress and the general public.

Special Counsel Mueller has a well-earned reputation for fairness, probity, integrity, objectivity, and nonpartisan.

The more evidence of collusion uncovered by Special Counsel Mueller, the more the President threatens to fire the Special Counsel or issue pardons to those implicated in the investigation.

There is strong evidence of collusion.

Republicans may point to the House Intelligence Committee report (written by Republicans) that concluded there was no collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian operatives.

House Intelligence Committee Democrats disagree with that report charging that Republicans did not take its investigation seriously.

House Republicans refused to call key witnesses or request pertinent documents, and refused to compel and enforce witness cooperation and answers to key questions.

Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee concluded the opposite, citing significant evidence pointing to collusion in the 70+ secret meetings and communications between senior Trump campaign officials (including Paul Manafort, Rick Gates, George Papadopoulos, Donald Trump Jr., Michael Flynn, Carter Page, and others with agents or entities allied with Vladimir Putin or the Russian government.

Mr. Speaker, this evening, just like last night and the night before, Paul Manafort, the Chairman of the 2016 Trump Campaign, sleeps in a jail, indicted and accused of money-laundering, criminal fraud, and being an unregistered agent of a foreign government.

Michael Flynn, the President's first National Security Advisor, has been indicted and pleaded guilty to lying to federal investigators regarding his contacts and communications with agents of Vladimir Putin's Russia.

Also pleading guilty or indicted in Special Counsel Mueller's investigation are George Papadopoulos; and Trump Deputy Campaign Manager Rick Gates.

All told, Special Counsel Mueller has won indictments against 19 persons—including 13 Russian nationals—and three Russian companies.

Special Counsel Mueller's investigation is not a 'witch-hunt' but a reasonable and necessary response to an attack on our country and its most fundamental democratic institution: free, fair, and untainted elections.

Without the rule of law and democratic governance, all is lost; and all the efforts by our