

Mr. Speaker, the circumstances in which we find ourselves today do not call for pettiness. Nor do they call for twitter politics and spectacle.

They call for leadership; a recognition that a respect for the rule of law and holding our leaders accountable for their misdeeds is a fundamental democratic responsibility.

In August 1974, the vigilant and tireless efforts by law enforcement, journalists, and our nation's leaders led President Nixon to yield to the rule of law.

The saving grace of Richard Nixon is that, at the end, he put the interests of the nation ahead of himself by resigning his office.

Arthur Schlesinger's 1973 essay appears prescient in its prediction that "corruption appears to visit the White House in fifty-year cycles."

As Professor Schlesinger wrote, "If the trails are followed to their end, many, many years will pass before another White House staff dares take the liberties with the Constitution and the laws the Nixon White House has taken," which "suggests that exposure and retribution inoculate the presidency against its latent criminal impulses for about half a century."

Professor Schlesinger also offered a warning that "corruption appears to visit the White House in fifty-year cycles."

Mr. Speaker, on this historic day, let us remember that Congress is a co-equal branch of government and has a duty to hold the executive accountable for misconduct, abuse of power, and 'High Crimes and Misdemeanors.'

As Congresswoman Barbara Jordan declared: "My faith in the Constitution is whole; it is complete; it is total. And I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction, of the Constitution."

And today, Mr. Speaker, let me affirm that my faith in the Constitution is whole, complete, and total.

Our nation is founded on the principle that all are equal under the law, and that one can only delay—never escape—the swift sword of justice.

We must always be faithful to the duties imposed upon us by the Constitution.

CONWAY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
CRYSTAL CERTAIN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Crystal Certain, an art teacher at Conway High School, who is committed to making a difference in central Arkansas.

Crystal partnered with the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas to provide food to hungry children in our community.

She started by funding the project out of her own pocket and the practice grew into a classroom food-pantry project. Her students named it the "Certain Little Free Class Pantry".

Nearly 400 children at her school get nourishing food from her pantry project.

The Community Action Program of Central Arkansas is providing meals during the summer months and is operating the project from inside the agency's pantry.

In addition to providing meals, Crystal also provides students with healthy recipes that they can prepare for themselves.

I am proud to represent her and all of the teachers of central Arkansas who are making a difference in the lives of our young people.

SUGAR LAND RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my hometown, the city of Sugar Land, TX for receiving its 22nd consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget.

Sugar Land was recognized for strong financial leadership, transparency initiatives, continued financial resiliency, including fiscally conservative budgeting and proactive planning. The city has also maintained one of the state's lowest tax rates while still providing quality city services. To obtain this award, Sugar Land met national guidelines for effective budget presentations assessing how well the city's budget serves as a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. Independent judges measured Sugar Land's standing in these four categories and said the budget was "proficient" in all and met or exceeded 14 mandatory criteria.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the city of Sugar Land, TX on receiving its 22nd consecutive Distinguished Budget Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget. Thank you for your commitment to making Sugar Land an amazing place to live, work and raise a family.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN BIRD

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Helen Bird of Santo Domingo Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Growing up in the Pueblo of Santo Domingo, Helen learned traditional pottery techniques from her great-aunt at a very young age and has been making pottery professionally for nearly 30 years. Widely credited as

being a profoundly influential figure in revitalizing Santo Domingo pottery, Helen sought to elevate it to an exquisite art form.

Helen's designs come from her Santo Domingo heritage. Her elegant pieces are well known for their signature bird designs from pottery found in the Bandelier National Monument.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Helen Bird for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 52ND DAI AL MUTLAQ, HIS HOLINESS DR. SYEDNA MOHAMMED BURHANUDDIN RA, AND THE BIRTHDAY OF THE 53RD AND PRESENT DAI AL MUTLAQ, HIS HOLINESS DR. SYEDNA MUFADDAL SAIFUDDIN TUS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birth anniversary of the 52nd Dai Al Mutlaq, his holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA, and the birthday of the 53rd and present Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin. The Dawoodi Bohras' patriotism and commitment to the United States and their recognition of International Women's Day should serve as an example for all.

The Dawoodi Bohras mostly reside in India, Pakistan, Africa, Europe, USA, South East Asia and Australia. Their name, 'Bohra' comes from the Gujarati word 'vehru' which means trader; as the community has always maintained a strong and robust business community. The late Dr. Syedna Burhanuddin RA had a profound impact on this as he unceasingly encouraged his adherents to start their own business.

In addition to fostering a robust business community, the Bohras are loyal and law-abiding citizens throughout the world. They have maintained cordial relations with all levels of government with an aim to foster harmony and goodwill. They embrace technology and equal opportunities, and consider patriotism a religious obligation. The Dawoodi Bohras are a sect within Shia Islam and follow the seven pillars of Islamism: guardianship of the faith, purity, prayer, alms-giving, fasting, pilgrimage to Mecca and struggle.

Mr. Speaker, and distinguished colleagues, please join me in celebrating the birth anniversary of the 52nd Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA and the birthday of the 53rd and present Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin TUS and wishing the Dawoodi Bohras a year of peace and prosperity.