

CONDEMNING THE USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS ON UNARMED ASYLUM SEEKERS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the cruelty, heartlessness and failure of the Trump administration immigration policy have reached a new low point with the reprehensible use of chemical agents against unarmed asylum seekers including children. The unilateral, unlawful policy requires those seeking asylum in the U.S. to remain in Mexico after adding their names to an interminable waiting list facing deteriorating living conditions in what increasingly have come to resemble detention camps. The use of violence and fear to deter legal asylum applications ignores the real social, political and economic forces driving emigration and the role of current and historical U.S. foreign and economic policies in creating those conditions. A nation of immigrants such as the United States deserves, demands, a policy collectively-negotiated with our neighbors grounded in democracy and human rights and dedicated to mutual social and economic development.

HONORING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER NORVEL BAPTISTE KING

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valiant and selfless community servant, Chief Petty Officer Norvel Baptiste King. Chief Petty Officer King has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and the desire to serve his country honorably.

Norvel, a resident of Benton, Mississippi, is a 1988 graduate of Yazoo City High School.

Norvel Baptiste King joined the Navy in 1987, prior to graduation on the delayed entry program. On September 6, 1988, he went to boot camp in San Diego, CA. His first ship was the USS *Midway* CV-41 in Yokosuka, Japan. In October 1991, he left active duty and in November of the same year, he joined the Navy Reserves in Jackson, MS. In 2008, he was mobilized to Kuwait and assigned to the Custom Unit. He held several positions during his Navy career: Assistant Command Career Counselor, Assistant Department Head, First Class Petty Officer and Chief Petty Officer.

Chief Petty Officer King is married to Tracy Collier-King and they are the parents of seven children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Petty Officer Norvel Baptiste King for his dedication and tenacity to serving his country and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING MEGAN ROBERTSON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Megan Robertson, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Megan worked on our team during my first term in office, serving as Communications Director. In that role, Megan advised me on communications strategy and served as my spokesperson. She brought a wide breadth of political knowledge from her experience on campaigns, which helped us establish the framework for our communications operation. She's also a huge Bears fan and I always enjoyed talking about the NFL with her too.

I would like to thank Megan for her hard work in our office. I wish her and Katie continued success in all that remains ahead for their family.

HONORING MARY MCCULLOUGH

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mary McCullough for a lifetime of service to her community, including her extraordinary efforts to address healthcare needs in Hollister, California. Ms. McCullough has been recognized by many local civic and community organizations for these efforts, most recently as the Hazel Hawkins Hospital Foundation's 2018 "Heart for Hazel" award recipient.

After moving to Hollister in 1963, Ms. McCullough immediately immersed herself in the community. She joined several community organizations and quickly distinguished herself as a leader in local preschools, concert associations, Girl Scouts, Woman's Fund, and the United Way. In addition to her volunteerism and community work, Ms. McCullough also made time to help establish the Community Foundation for San Benito County, which serves as a hub for philanthropic work in the area.

Most notably, Ms. McCullough chose to dedicate her time and efforts to improving healthcare at local and statewide levels. In 1963, Ms. McCullough joined the Hospital Auxiliary as a volunteer and, in 1982, began serving on the San Benito Health Care District Board of Directors, where she remained until her retirement earlier this year. She was also appointed to the Association of California Healthcare Districts Board of Directors where she has served since 2002. In these roles, Ms. McCullough committed to herself to supporting healthcare facilities and locations to better serve patients and their families.

During Ms. McCullough's tenure, the San Benito Health Care District Board oversaw the construction of a skilled nursing facility, extension of the main hospital, and development of a state-of-the-art emergency department and women's center. As Ms. McCullough prepares for her retirement from these positions, I am thankful for her work and feel confident that she will remain an active member of our community.

I am deeply grateful for Ms. McCullough's commitment to public service to the residents of San Benito County and state of California. As she celebrates her retirement, I am proud to recognize her for the invaluable work she has completed. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mary McCullough on her lifetime of service and congratulate her on a well-earned retirement.

PLEASANTON VETERANS POST OFFICE

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present H.R. 1210, which will re-name the post office facility located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the "Pleasanton Veterans Post Office." This bill will show our appreciation for the veterans of Pleasanton, Texas, and ensure their service and sacrifices to our country is not forgotten.

Across my district, fine men and women of all walks of life have honorably served our country. It is critical that we honor their service and dedication to our nation. Pleasanton alone is home to over 600 veterans. Dedication this post office to our veterans will serve as an enduring reminder of the sacrifices that our friends, neighbors, and family made while serving their country. These individuals put country ahead of self, and I am proud to recognize them with the dedication of this post office facility.

Today, I acknowledge the service of Judge Robert "Bob" L. Hurley of Pleasanton, TX. Judge Hurley served in the United States Air Force as a medic and eventually rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was NCOIC of the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Medical Clinic—Medical Records and Appointments Department. After the completion of his service, he moved back to Pleasanton. He later became president of two companies and served his hometown as both a councilmember and mayor. He now serves as a Judge for Atascosa County, a position he's held since 2014.

We owe our freedom to veterans like Judge Hurley, which is why I am recognizing him with the dedication of this post office. He is just one example of the many veterans who prioritize service to their country. The bravery and commitment of these men and women to our nation demonstrates what it really means to be an American.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the veterans' organizations throughout my district for their tireless work in providing the care our veterans need. And in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."

HONORING DR. TIMOTHY QUINN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dynamic young man of our community, Dr. Timothy Quinn.

Dr. Timothy Quinn is a native Mississippian and graduate of Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. He earned his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee and completed his residency work at Martin Luther King Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles, California.

In 2003, Dr. Quinn began practicing Family Medicine in Jackson, Mississippi, with emphases on physical fitness and wellness. Currently, Dr. Quinn serves as Medical Director at Quinn Healthcare, where he commits his life to serve the people of Mississippi, focusing on preventative health care and traditional medicine. Since 2010, Quinn Healthcare has served over 22,506 patients.

Dr. Quinn has lectured on physical fitness and obesity prevention. Since 2012, he has been writing health articles for The Jackson Free Press Newspaper and published many articles in the Clarion Ledger from 2005 through 2012. He has also been a contributing medical expert for the following local television news stations: WLBT; WAPT; WJTV; and FOX40, since 2005. Dr. Quinn is a familiar voice on WJMI and WKXI Radio Stations' segment, "Health Tips" since 2004. In 2009, Dr. Quinn was featured as an expert physician for the Black Entertainment Television (BET) Network Special, "Heart of the City: Dying to Eat in Jackson", hosted by Star Jones. In 2012, he was named one of Mississippi Business Journal's, "Top Forty Under 40". He also provides a weekly medical commentary for two shows, the "Dr. Frank McCune Health and Prosperity Show" and the "Women for Progress Show" on WMPR 90.1 Radio Station. In March 2015, he was featured as an expert physician and appeared on NBC Nightly News regarding the State of Mississippi's proposed House Bill 130 (Authorize Exemptions from Vaccinations for Medical Reasons or Conscientious Beliefs). According to Nielson's Ratings, Dr. Quinn reached 566,023 television viewers' households through his television appearances that began in the year 2010 and is consistently increasing. As per Magnolia Clipping Service, Dr. Quinn appeared as an Expert Physician in the news, well over 100 times, since 2010 in all Mississippi and Alabama publications.

On July 2, 2014, Dr. Quinn led Mayor Tony Yarber's Medical Task Force for a Healthier Jackson to identify individuals and implement measures to improve their health and through this initiative, Dr. Quinn has screened hundreds of individuals through community health screenings and health fairs.

Dr. Quinn received: the George Washington Stutts, Sr. Award on June 18, 2015 at the 26th Annual Honors Program sponsored by the Robinson-Watson Book Company; the Best Doctor Award from The Jackson Free Press Newspaper and Quinn Healthcare received the Best Clinic Award in July 2015.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this dynamic man, Dr. Timothy Quinn, for aspiring to increase the health and education of the 2nd Congressional District of Mississippi.

HONORING JOHN WILSON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, John Wilson, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

John worked on our team for over two years, serving as a Staff Assistant and later as a Legislative Correspondent in my Washington, D.C. office. In this role, John was responsible for advising me on a variety of policy issues, managing our internship program, handling tour requests, and writing constituent mail. Since leaving our office, he has gone on to serve as a Legislative Assistant with Rep. Jim Banks and now works at Heritage Action for America as a Senior Legislative Assistant.

On a personal note, John Wilson is my friend. I admire his loyalty, intellect and work ethic. He was a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt his future is very bright. I want to thank John for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF ANDY TAYLOR

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of Andy Taylor, who has been the lead staffer for global economic competitiveness on the Foreign Affairs Committee. Andy has worked tirelessly to advance America's international economic interests abroad, leading bipartisan staff delegations overseas, conducting rigorous oversight of the executive branch, and advancing a robust legislative agenda.

I thank Andy for his service to me and our committee and for his professionalism as a staffer. He is creative and collaborative in his approach to developing legislation and dogged in his advocacy for our committee members' bills.

Andy came to Capitol Hill in 2010 and has worked on a wide range of policy issues, from biomedical research and drug development for patients with rare diseases, to energy and financial services policy, and Puerto Rico's public debt crisis. On the Foreign Affairs Committee, Andy ushered legislation to boost American leadership in cyberspace, advance women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, modernize our anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime, and bolster U.S. energy diplomacy.

In October, the President signed the BUILD Act into law, major legislation Andy was critical to creating a \$60 billion U.S. International Development Finance Corporation. This new entity will mobilize private capital in support of broad-based economic growth and provide countries a robust alternative to state-directed investments by authoritarian governments.

I am grateful to Andy for his service promoting American foreign policy and U.S. engagements overseas.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER FRANCIS COOK FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Firefighter Francis Cook for fifty years of active service with the Crown Point Fire Department.

Firefighter Francis Cook has been an instrumental member of the Crown Point Fire Department since he joined in 1968. He has held numerous positions in the Department, including Fire Chief for two years. Throughout his 50 years of service, Firefighter Cook demonstrated a superb work ethic and a commitment to becoming an outstanding firefighter. In 2018 alone, he responded to 96 emergency calls and attended 43 training events, totaling just over 223 active hours. He also took advantage of opportunities to become a card holder for CPR and First Aid to assist with first response calls, and earned multiple NYS Firefighting Certifications.

Mr. Cook devoted 50 years of his life to fire protection, and is an exemplary member of his community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Firefighter Cook for a lifetime of sacrifices and dedication to keeping the Crown Point community safe.

HONORING SHAKIRA CAIN-BELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Shakira Cain-Bell, is a 1992 Bachelor of Science, 1995 Masters of Public Policy and Administration, 2002 Doctor of Education, and a 2012 Masters of Arts in Sociology graduated of Jackson State University, she is a native of Canton, Mississippi with more than 16 years of experience as a motivational speaker, educator, conference organizer, advisor, compliance officer, community organizer, head start reviewer, college SACS team member, 6th grade teacher, assistant principal, early childhood program developer, early childhood childcare center designer, and an early childhood consultant.

Dr. Cain-Bell as the academic dean and adjunct professor of Sociology at the Jackson Campus Academic Technical Center Hinds Community College. She is a certified online learning professor through Jackson State University and the Institution of Higher Learning. She is the former director of the Minority Male Leadership Initiative Higher Learning. She is the former director of the Minority Male Leadership Initiative (M2M). Dr. Cain-Bell was the first assistant professor hired in the Interdisciplinary Studies Department at Jackson State University.

Dr. Cain-Bell also has a Masters in Higher Education from Mississippi College. She was the first and second cohort of GIFTS Scholars selected at Jackson State University; while co-authoring the book Foundations in Global Inquiry Institutional Guide—Jackson State University, which was collected and edited by Dr. Robert Blaine as part of the Apple iPad Initiative at Jackson State University. Dr. Cain-Bell