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Darius Anderson has no plans to slow down. His next big undertaking is the Treasure Island Development Project, an effort to redevelop the former Naval Station Treasure Island in the San Francisco Bay.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Darius Anderson for his lifetime of success and positive contribution to dozens of California communities.

UPON THE OCCASION OF THE DEPARTURE OF DONNA RUTHERFORD FROM THE EAST PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Donna Rutherford who is leaving the city council of East Palo Alto after a total of 25 years of service to the residents of her remarkable community. Donna is a steady voice of reason and a warm, committed person who welcomes all who enjoy her city's diversity, opportunity, and vitality.

East Palo Alto is a city in the midst of great change. As a town of nearly 30,000, the community is at the crossroads of two major highways, deep in the heart of Silicon Valley. Donna Rutherford understands that the economic forces shaping East Palo Alto must not be allowed to change the diverse population of the community but instead be harnessed to create opportunity for all its residents.

Central to opportunity is housing, and as a councilwoman Donna Rutherford advocated for and supported the construction of affordable housing for all populations. While Mayor, she approved of, and then joined in turning the ground for, a long-awaited senior project—University Avenue Senior Housing. On the council, she consistently spoke about the need to develop the city's parcel on Weeks Street, a project that will come to fruition in the next few years thanks in part to her vote. She also supported the use of a city-controlled lot that will soon become a supervised, nighttime parking location for residents living in their recreational vehicles.

Her dedication to opportunity did not begin with the council. As a school volunteer while her children were in elementary school, she attended school board meetings so frequently that some thought she was a district employee. She ran for the school board and was successful, serving from 1988 to 2000, including some of the most difficult years of school funding by the state.

At one point, students approached the city council with a study showing that East Palo Alto had more liquor stores per capita than surrounding communities. The council took note, and Donna celebrated their investment of time and energy, noting years later that stu-

dents have so much potential to make a difference. Liquor stores have gradually given way to a thriving retail center, a hotel and office complex and other improvements to East Palo Alto's quality of life.

As a councilmember, Donna Rutherford represented the city on the San Mateo County Vector Control District board, as an alternate on C/CAG—an agency formed from cities throughout San Mateo County, on the county library board, and the wastewater management board. She is also the city's alternate on numerous other important boards impacting the quality of life of residents.

Mr. Speaker and Members, East Palo Alto is definitely a city on the move. It will miss the leadership of Donna Rutherford, but her moral authority and authentic voice of concern, filled with wisdom, will continue for many years to come. She once noted of her childhood neighborhood, Hunters Point, that she loved living near the bay. The winds sometimes blow hard across both Hunters Point and East Palo Alto, two communities with a vast bay shoreline, but the winds will never extinguish the will to serve that lives within the heart of Donna Rutherford. Donna Rutherford is a friend and colleague whose guidance I will miss as East Palo Alto continues to evolve. I know she will still be available to offer her sage advice.

As she retires from the council, I wish her, her husband, Joe, and her children Trevor, Roxanne, and Damaris well in the years to come and we know that new adventures await this relentless leader of East Palo Alto.

IN APPRECIATION OF SACHA HAN FOR HER DEDICATED CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to recognize one of my longest serving staff members—Sacha Han. Sacha grew up in Fullerton, California in the heart of my Congressional District.

She came to my office as a High School student, seeking to intern and learn more about the government. We don't take many High School students as interns, but Sacha was smart, poised, and wise beyond her years, and she was a great addition to my District Office. When Sacha graduated from High School, she came East to attend the George Washington University, right here in Washington, D.C. Once again, Sacha interned in our office, doing such a good job that we hired her for a full-time staff position upon her graduation from college.

Sacha became such a key part of my staff, that when she announced that she was leaving the office to attend Nursing School, we persuaded her to continue to work part-time while she attended school. She not only continued through nursing school, but she has remained on my staff to this day—20 years after she first walked into my District Office.

Sacha is a joy to work with, and I am grateful for her service to the constituents of the 39th District of California, to my office, and to the House of Representatives. In addition to working two jobs, she is also a wife to Eduardo, and a mother to Bianca and Liam. I know that they too are very proud of Sacha.

I thank Sacha, and wish her and her family all the best.

PERSECUTION OF THE BAHAI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority.

While the global community is rightfully concerned about Iran's ties to international terrorism and its destabilizing activities in the region, we must not forget those who struggle for religious freedom and basic civil liberties in Iran.

As the largest non-Muslim religious minority community in Iran, the Baha'i people have long been subjected to severe religious persecution by the Iranian regime. Several of its leaders have been arrested, and members have been executed. According to the 2018 International Religious Freedom Report, Iranian authorities have arbitrarily detained over 1,000 Baha'is over the past decade.

The Baha'i people are routinely and systematically discriminated against on the basis of religion. Since 2014, officials have infringed on the economic pursuits of the Baha'i by closing over 600 of their shops.

In addition, Baha'i children are regularly denied access to schools and higher education. Even if they are permitted to attend school, they are not free to learn about their religion or participate in religious practice. If they do, they face harassment and potentially expulsion.

The discrimination and persecution of this community is shameful and inexcusable. The social teachings of the Baha'i Faith—including the equality of all humans, regardless of gender, race, or class, and the principle of each individual's responsibility to investigate the truth—are universal values that should be guaranteed. These are human rights we must protect.

The United States and the international community must not ignore this egregious abuse and blatant discrimination against the Iranian Baha'i community. We must stand up to the Iranian regime and hold it accountable for its actions.

By passing H. Res. 274, we shine a light on the persecution of the Baha'i, and hopefully move us one step closer to true religious freedom in Iran.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. HANS MUMM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Hans Mumm for his government service and significant contributions to the U.S. Military's Information Operations. Dr. Mumm is currently a futures researcher for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. In this position, he uses his UAV and robotics expertise to design policy for advanced technologies and studies the consequences of its

future uses. This September, Dr. Mumm will be celebrating his 50th birthday.

Dr. Mumm began his military career as an enlisted service member. He gained notoriety for his leadership role in "Operation Iraqi Freedom" as the officer in charge of the "Iraqi Regime Playing Cards; CENTCOM's Top 55 Most Wanted List." The Defense Intelligence Agency praised this Information Operations mission as one of the most successful campaigns in the agency's history. Dr. Mumm was recognized as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Americans" and awarded the National Defense PAC "American Patriot Ingenuity Award" for his service during "Operation Iraqi Freedom".

After serving in the enlisted ranks and subsequently as a U.S. Army Captain, Dr. Mumm was medically discharged in 2010, becoming a Wounded Warrior. Following the completion of his active service duties, Dr. Mumm has continued to achieve remarkable feats. In June of 2014, Dr. Mumm was awarded the Exceptional Performance Award from the CIA for his work as a branch chief. In this capacity, he oversaw the development of the Continuous Monitoring Branch (CMB) and transformed this technology into an integral part of the CIA's cyber security framework.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Mumm has earned twenty-three personal military ribbons and combat medals. He is also the author of two international bestselling books detailing the leadership challenges and opportunities in the fields of technical investigation and military intelligence. In addition to his current job at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Dr. Mumm serves as an adjunct professor for the California University of Pennsylvania (CALU) and the American Military University (AMU).

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Hans Mumm for his acts of patriotism that have greatly benefitted our country as he celebrates his 50th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ALMA NEWSOM FORNAL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the outstanding life of Alma Newsom Fornal, 1st lieutenant of the U.S. Army Air Corp.

Mrs. Fornal, born in 1920, graduated from the University of Arkansas. Upon graduation she moved to Mississippi to be with her father, where she then took up flying. In 1943 she joined the Army Air Corps as a member of the pioneering group called the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs), making her one of the first women allowed to fly military aircraft. These trailblazing pilots were an integral part of the World War II war effort. Her contributions as a test pilot enabled safer flights of the AT-6 for male pilots serving overseas. In 2009 she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Barack Obama.

Alma Newsom Fornal was laid to rest today December 19, 2018. Her dedication to serving our nation in its time of need is due the utmost respect and admiration, and her place in history and time of service will be honored. On

behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank her for her patriotism and pioneering spirit which have paved the way for future generations.

PRESIDENT MOON IS GOING SOFT ON LITTLE KIM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's been a year since North Korea tested a nuclear-capable ballistic missile. After successive years of increasing missile and nuclear weapon testing, the fact that none occurred in 2018 is remarkable progress. Even more so when we recall that talk of imminent war on the Korean Peninsula was echoing throughout the media just a year ago. This retreat from the nuclear brink would not be possible without President Trump's bold diplomatic efforts. However, with negotiations to achieve verifiable denuclearization still ongoing, the maximum pressure campaign that brought Kim Jong-Un to the table must continue. Unfortunately, it appears at risk due to South Korea's dovish president.

The current talks with North Korea are a game of nuclear chicken. President Trump's approach ties intense international sanctions with diplomatic engagement that, if successful, provide the North Korean regime an economic life-line if it commits to irreversible dismantlement of its nuclear weapons program. But success hinges on comprehensive sanctions remaining in place until Kim Jong-Un formally makes that pledge and demonstrates verifiable steps towards denuclearization. Until now, Kim has only agreed to further talks and taken minor steps to show good faith, such as halting weapon tests, closing the Punggye-ri nuclear test site, and releasing American hostages. While encouraging, negotiations continue with the hope of achieving more substantive action, including a declared inventory of its full nuclear program. Here, intelligence reports seem to indicate that the North's nuclear and missile programs may actually be continuing to develop in secret.

President Trump, therefore, has kept sanctions in place as negotiations continue. Withdrawing some sanctions too early would disincentivize the regime from agreeing to complete dismantlement—a mistake that was made in past negotiations. The President has also permitted talks to continue so long as the North Koreans engage in constructive dialogue. In August, when Kim's regime appeared to be stalling, he canceled a planned meeting between the regime and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. This action sent a clear signal that we won't be gamed and that the regime risks losing its only opportunity towards having sanctions removed. Negotiations have since resumed, with the North agreeing in October to allow inspectors to visit the Punggye-ri nuclear site. Conditioning talks and standing firm on sanctions ultimately is the only way this process will work. Kim, on the other hand likely believes that he can wait-out the negotiations by alternating between stalling and piecemeal concessions until the U.S. and its allies tire or agree to a softer deal that removes sanctions. The regime will then quietly cheat, as they have before.

This time, however, it appears that South Korea's President Moon Jae-in will be the first to blink. In October—just a week after negotiations produced approval for inspections at Punggye-ri—President Moon conducted a tour of Europe where he urged allies to loosen sanctions on the Kim regime. Luckily, our European friends denied Moon's request, knowing that North Korea still has a ways to go before verifiable denuclearization is achieved. Mr. Moon's attempts to break the maximum pressure campaign, as well as the unity between the U.S. and its European allies, suggests that Little Kim may have found his mark and is exploiting Moon's naïve sensibilities.

For months, President Moon has sought to court Little Kim hoping to reduce tensions between the two Koreas. In September, he approved reconciliation deals with the Kim regime that pledged the withdrawal of guard posts along the de-militarized zone and restoration of some economic ties between the two countries. The South has since reversed its willingness to reopen Kaesong, a joint industrial center where South Korean companies employ workers from the North, citing a lack of progress on denuclearization. Had Moon's plan to restore economic ties through Kaesong gone forward, South Korea may have found itself in violation on United Nations sanctions. But Moon has moved forward with other projects, including a program to improve North Korea's rail network and link it with the South.

An initial study of the North's rail system was approved last week by the U.N. Security Council following pressure from the White House to seek approval. Nonetheless, Moon's separate diplomatic maneuvers and premature offers of economic opportunities are likely encouraging the Kim regime to slow negotiations and steps towards denuclearization.

With so much still at stake, the U.S. and its allies must present a united and stern front to pressure North Korea into accepting complete denuclearization. Little Kim has to see that maintaining any aspect of his nuclear weapons program is a no-win situation because crippling sanctions will ultimately dismantle his regime. However, if Kim sees weakness in our South Korean allies that he can use to chip away at the current sanctions on his regime, he will continue to stall negotiations and our leverage will begin to collapse. President Moon must not be deceived by Kim's small gestures of goodwill and prematurely fold.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT PATRICIA SALAZAR

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Patricia Salazar, who recently retired from the New Mexico Air National Guard after 25 years of distinguished service. Throughout her accomplished career, Staff Sergeant Salazar played many valuable roles in defense of our state and our nation.

A native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Staff Sergeant Salazar graduated from St. Michael's High School in 1980. She received an athletic