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IN MEMORY OF SERVICEMEMBERS WHO PERISHED DURING THE U.S. MARINE CORPS TRAINING EXERCISE ON DECEMBER 5, 2018

(Mr. HASTINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today with my colleagues who have helped organize this, particularly my colleague Congressman RUTHERFORD, to pay tribute to the servicemembers who tragically perished on December 5 during a training exercise off the coast of Japan:

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Herrmann of New Bern, North Carolina;

Major James M. Brophy of Staatsburg, New York;

Captain Jahmar Resilard of Miramar, Florida, who was raised in my district and whose mother I have spoken with;

Staff Sergeant Maximo Flores of Surprise, Arizona;

Corporal Daniel Baker of Tremont, Illinois; and,

Corporal William Ross of Hendersonville, Tennessee.

These decorated marines served our Nation with distinction. Listing their achievements does little to pay adequate tribute to their bravery, courage, and dedication to our country.

On behalf of my colleagues, I express our heartfelt condolences to the families of these honorable servicemembers, their friends, and their colleagues in the United States Marine Corps. Our Nation grieves with you, and we pray that you find comfort during these extremely difficult times.

Mr. Speaker, I request that the House of Representatives observe a moment of silence in memory of these American heroes.

POWER OF THE PURSE

(Mr. CULBERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, the Founders entrusted the power of the purse to the Congress because it is the most effective and powerful check and balance in our Constitution. It is vitally important that this Congress work to pass these appropriations bills in their full detail. We cannot continue to operate under a continuing resolution, which just allows the executive branch to run unchecked.

These bills have been carefully negotiated. These bills allow the public to see how our hard-earned tax dollars are being spent. These bills enable the Congress to have some real authority over the executive branch.

In the 18 years it has been my privilege to represent the people of west

Houston, and to chair a subcommittee on appropriations, I was able to work together with my colleagues in putting together the largest hurricane recovery package in the history of the country, working together to make sure that our laws are enforced and that the Department of Justice is following the law, enforcing the law, and securing the border.

These things can be done through the power of the purse, through the responsibility we have as Members of Congress, as appropriators. It is essential we pass these appropriations bills and do so in a bipartisan way.

I have always worked closely with my colleagues throughout the State of Texas and throughout the country, regardless of party, because we are doing it for the good of the country. As Mr. CROWLEY said in his remarks and you can detect by the response in the House, we all work together arm-in-arm as patriots. Let's pass these appropriations bills in detail when we come back here in the next year when the CR runs out in February.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4174. An act to amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, improve Federal data management, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2736) "An Act to develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3178. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and for other purposes.

HONORING PROFESSOR YUMIKO OGAWA

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor New Jersey City University Professor Yumiko Ogawa.

Professor Ogawa is a registered play therapist. Along with current and former NJCU students, she is providing play therapy for immigrant children who are in the process of applying for asylum. Their play therapy program is currently being implemented at the Newark office of a nonprofit called Kids in Need of Defense.

Since 2014, the United States has welcomed more than 240,000 unaccom-

panied minors who are seeking protection. Many of them have suffered from violence and child abuse. Some of them are escaping persistent trauma, including human trafficking and gang violence.

Professor Ogawa's play therapy has already helped some of these children cope with their trauma. I am proud of Professor Ogawa's thoughtful leadership and the amazing research supported at New Jersey City University.

It only takes an idea to change the world. I am proud to represent NJCU in Congress, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this wonderful initiative.

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FAREWELL TO WILSON TEAM FELLOWS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the dedicated staff work of Major Jonathan Grabill, who served as a military fellow, and Drew Nickels, who served as a foreign policy fellow, in the office of the Second District.

Major Grabill has had a distinguished career in the Army for more than 16 years. He provided key insight in developing the National Defense Authorization Act. He has been deployed to Germany, Iraq, and Kuwait. His background has been vital to reverse the decline of readiness in our military.

A leader on foreign policy issues, Mr. Nickels has worked tirelessly to develop legislation for the Foreign Affairs Committee. He previously served as intelligence briefer for two Secretaries of Energy. Before that, he was an intelligence analyst with the Foreign Nuclear Programs Division at DOE.

Mr. Speaker, their service will always be appreciated, with congratulations for being members of the Wilson team.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our sympathy to the family of Diane Wells; her husband, Joey; and children Eli, Maya, and Emma.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR EVAN MACK

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate an accomplished composer, educator, and music innovator from New York's capital region, Professor Evan Mack, recently named a Musical America 2018 Professional of the Year.

Professor Mack's first major opera premiered at New York's Baryshnikov