

MIKE THOMPSON, and Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY in recognizing Bill's volunteerism and enthusiasm as a public servant in his community. He will be sincerely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, and he will be remembered for his endless service to Contra Costa County.

COMMENDING PRIVATE JOHN  
GILLEY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the sacrifice of Private John Gilley. The service and sacrifice of men and women like Private John Gilley are truly what makes our country great. Private Gilley served his country honorably in World War One, where he was wounded in the Battle of Courtrai. As a member of the 30th Division of the Army National Guard, which was attached to British Forces, Private Gilley took part in the campaign which resulted ultimately in the 30th Division breaching the Hindenburg Line to force the Armistice which ended the war.

Thankfully, Private Gilley survived his wounds and was discharged in February of 1919. Our area, the State of North Carolina and our Country are fortunate that he returned to Westfield, North Carolina where he and his wife raised their nine children.

While the Purple Heart was not available during World War One, Private Gilley was certainly eligible for it and it is fitting that it is being awarded to his family in his honor now. It has been my distinct privilege to work with Private Gilley's family to bring to light his sacrifice and give him the recognition he deserves. It is never too late to remember and honor those who have put our country's values above their own safety and well-being.

I am here to commend not only Private Gilley but also to commend his family for their perseverance in achieving the recognition he so richly deserves and for continuing his model of patriotism.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LES  
WRIGHT—FRESNO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL  
COMMISSIONER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Les Wright, on the occasion of his retirement as Fresno County's Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures. Les' final day as Agricultural Commissioner will be January 25, 2019. This is the culmination of a successful 27-year civil service, leadership and management career throughout the State of California.

Les, a native of Modoc County, earned his Associates degree in Production Agriculture from Shasta College. He began his career in government in 1976, serving at a border inspection station. With a background as a rancher, it did not take long for Les to realize

his true passion was in agriculture. He quickly rose up the ranks, serving as the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer for Modoc County, Deputy Commissioner of Kings County and Chief Deputy Commissioner of Fresno County. He was appointed Fresno County's Agricultural Commissioner on August 5, 2013.

As the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner, Les' primary objective is to promote and protect the county's multibillion-dollar agricultural industry. In his role, he oversees the number one agriculture producing county in the nation. Fresno County produces over 350 types of crops and is known to many as the breadbasket of the world. He is passionate about his work and serves as advocate for growers through the county. Passion for the agricultural industry run deep in the Wright household, as Les' wife Marilyn Kinoshita-Wright is also retiring this month from her position as Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Les Wright for his career achievements as Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner. Les will leave a robust foundation for Fresno County to continue to build upon. I wish Les and his wife Marilyn the very best as they enter this new phase of their life.

A TIMELINE OF STEVE KING'S  
RACIST REMARKS AND DIVISIVE  
ACTIONS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD, an article by Trip Gabriel that was published in the New York Times on January 15, 2019 detailing racist remarks and divisive actions made by Rep. STEVE KING.

[From the New York Times, Jan. 15, 2019]

A TIMELINE OF STEVE KING'S RACIST  
REMARKS AND DIVISIVE ACTIONS

(By Trip Gabriel)

While some Republicans suggested the Iowa congressman's views were new to them, Mr. King has a long and documented history of denigrating racial minorities.

Representative Steve King of Iowa, who was stripped of his House committee seats on Monday night after making remarks defending white supremacy, has a long history of racist comments and insults about immigrants.

Republicans rarely rebuked him until recently, with some suggesting that Mr. King's language and views were new to them.

"This just popped up on Friday," Representative Steve Scalise, the second-ranking House Republican, said on Sunday, when asked if the party would penalize Mr. King for saying, in an interview with The Times, "White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization—how did that language become offensive?"

National Republicans courted his political support in Iowa: He was a national co-chairman of Ted Cruz's 2016 presidential effort and of Gov. Kim Reynolds' 2018 election. House leadership appointed him chairman of the subcommittee on the Constitution and civil justice. And President Trump boasted in the Oval Office that he raised more money for Mr. King than for anyone else. Yet Mr. King, who won a ninth term in November, has pub-

licly promoted white nationalists and neo-Nazis on Twitter and disparaged nonwhite groups for years.

2002

Mr. King, in the Iowa State Senate, files a bill requiring schools teach that the United States "is the unchallenged greatest nation in the world and that it has derived its strength from . . . Christianity, free enterprise capitalism and Western civilization."

Mr. King is the chief sponsor of a law making English the official language of Iowa.

2005

Now in Congress, Mr. King introduces the English Language Unity Act, a bill to make English the official language of the United States.

Mr. King sues the Iowa Secretary of State for posting voting information on an official website in Spanish, Laotian, Bosnian and Vietnamese.

2006

At a rally in Las Vegas, Mr. King calls the deaths of Americans at the hands of undocumented immigrants "a slow-motion Holocaust." He claims that 25 Americans die daily because of undocumented immigrants, an unsupported and illogical leap from government statistics, which years later influences talking points by President Trump.

On the House floor, Mr. King demonstrates a model of a 12-foot concrete border wall topped with electrified wire that he designed: "We need to do a few other things on top of that wall, and one of them being to put a little bit of wire on top here to provide a disincentive for people to climb over the top or put a ladder there. We could also electrify this wire . . . We do that with livestock all the time."

2010

Mr. King on the House floor, speaking of how law enforcement officers can spot undocumented immigrants:

What kind of clothes people wear . . . what kind of shoes people wear, what kind of accent they have . . . sometimes it's just a sixth sense they can't put their finger on.

2011

Mr. King in a speech opposing the Affordable Care Act's mandate to cover contraception:

Preventing babies being born is not medicine. That's not constructive to our culture and our civilization. If we let our birthrate get down below the replacement rate, we're a dying civilization.

2012

On a panel at the Conservative Political Action Conference with Peter Brimelow, an open white nationalist, Mr. King referred to multiculturalism as:

A tool for the Left to subdivide a culture and civilization into our own little ethnic enclaves and pit us against each other.

2013

Mr. King on why he opposes legal status for Dreamers, who were brought into the country as children:

For everyone who's a valedictorian, there's another 100 out there that weigh 130 pounds and they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert. Those people would be legalized with the same act.

2015

Mr. King invites the far-right, anti-Islam Dutch politician Geert Wilders to Washington and appears with him at the Capitol. Mr. Wilders has called Islam "not a religion," said the Quran was "worse than Mein Kampf," and called for the closing of mosques.

Mr. King tweets a selfie with Mr. Wilders in front of a portrait of Winston Churchill.