

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on January 25, 2019. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

RECOGNIZING MR. EDDIE FARRIS AS THE 2018-2019 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Eddie Farris as the 2018–2019 Walton County Educational Support Professional of the Year. For seven years, Mr. Farris has served the Walton County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to service.

It is recognized that the position of Plant Manager comes with numerous responsibilities, but Mr. Farris continues to dependably perform his many duties while exceeding at his profession. Remarkably, Mr. Farris does all this while consistently offering a warm smile to everyone who enjoys the pleasure of working with him.

Mr. Farris is cherished by his supervisors and colleagues for his incredible kindness and positive attitude. He generously considers the needs of both students and staff because of the immense pride he possesses for his school.

His support knows no bounds, as evidenced by his willingness to provide assistance whenever and wherever it is needed. Mr. Farris has displayed dedicated teamwork by working with the PTO in coordinating events, such as Fall Festivals and movie nights. He is to be commended for his steadfast desire to serve as a positive example for those who matter most—the students.

I am truly proud to have Mr. Farris as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District and offer my gratitude for his admirable contributions to his community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mr. Eddie Farris for his accomplishments, as well as his commitment to excellence, professionalism, innovation, service, and collaboration in the Walton County School District. I

thank him for his good work, and wish him continued success in the future.

REJECTING WHITE NATIONALISM AND WHITE SUPREMACY

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 41 to reject White nationalism and White supremacy. I applaud Mr. CLYBURN and the House for acting against hate speech. Representative KING has rightly been stripped of committee assignments by his colleagues, but today's vote has been a long time coming. His latest comments were not the first time Representative KING has made ugly, offensive, demeaning, and unashamedly racist remarks. Unfortunately, for more than a decade now, House Republican leadership did nothing while Representative KING freely espoused white nationalism, anti-Semitism, and bigotry. Today, under Democratic Leadership, the House is taking appropriate action against a member of the House who has time and again promoted hate speech in Congress and Republicans have finally acted to impose discipline for misconduct. I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 41 to reject Representative KING's racism, bigotry, and hate.

RECOGNIZING MR. TIMOTHY W. COY

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timothy W. Coy for over four decades of extraordinary public service. Mr. Coy will retire this month from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense as a Team Chief after nearly a decade of providing accurate, rapid, and actionable guidance on a broad range of issues including legislative proposals and appeals, congressional hearing support, and statements of administration policy.

Preceding his role with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Mr. Coy served his country in the United States Air Force (USAF). He received assignments as a member of the USAF “Thunderbirds” and the initial cadre of the F–117 “Stealth” fighter program. Mr. Coy worked through the ranks to receive the title of Crew Commander, where he became the Aide-de-Camp and Executive Officer for the Commander, 4th Air Division. More recently, Mr. Coy was selected to be one of nine Air Force Legislative Fellows and, in this capacity, specialized in defense policy for Senator Wayne Allard. After graduating the program, Mr. Coy worked for the United States Joint Forces Command (JFCOM), where he advocated for JFCOM programs on Capitol Hill as the Chief of Legislative Affairs. After a successful 27 years in the military, Mr. Coy retired from the USAF in 2004 to become the Deputy Director and, later, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Missile Defense Agency.

During his service with the Agency, Mr. Coy advocated for a \$9 billion budget in Congress to help develop new missile defense systems that protect the United States and its allies from hostile ballistic missile attacks.

Mr. Coy has received numerous accolades throughout his distinguished career. In addition to earning the title of “Top Performer” in his Minuteman III training in Officer Training School, Mr. Coy has been selected as one of Strategic Air Command's top missileers for assignment to the TOP HAND Program. Mr. Coy also attended Harvard University as a Senior Executive Fellow, where he earned a Certificate in Public Policy.

All who knew and worked with Mr. Coy will miss his leadership and strong work ethic. I am sad to see him leave, but even more proud to congratulate him on a well-earned retirement as he starts a new chapter in his life.

ROE V. WADE 46TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today as constituents of the First District of Georgia, and from across the nation, come to D.C. to be a voice for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the misguided U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

It is a tragedy that since this ruling in 1973, millions of defenseless babies have been denied the right to life.

As a health care professional, father, and grandfather, I strongly believe that life begins at conception, and I support the sanctity of human life.

This past Congress, I worked tirelessly alongside fellow Members and pro-life advocates in our fight to end abortion.

We accomplished a lot.

Most notably, passing and signing into law H.J. Res. 43, which overturned the Obama administration's rule preventing states from redirecting Title X funds away from abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

Now, states have the freedom to distribute Title X grant money in a way that best serves the needs of their constituents.

Additionally, the House approved multiple pro-life bills including the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

Each one of these bills represents a step forward in our fight to save the life of a child.

Rest assured, we are committed to continuing our fight for the precious lives of the innocent unborn in the 116th Congress.

I want to thank each and every person who have traveled to our Nation's Capital today for this important occasion.

I look forward to meeting with my constituents and other Georgia residents to discuss pro-life values and initiatives for the upcoming year.