

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, to be clear, my introduction of this resolution of disapproval should in no way be interpreted as an indication that the President's declaration of an emergency, or his invocation of specific statutory powers pursuant to that declaration, is even lawful in the first place.

The Constitution provides Congress with the power of the purse and expressly prohibits the President from spending funds that Congress has not appropriated. Here, Congress has not authorized or appropriated funding to build a wall on the southern border. Indeed, Congress has repeatedly chosen not to do so in response to the President's multiple requests for such funding since becoming President.

While my resolution disapproves and terminates the President's emergency declaration, the record should be clear that I do not believe the President's declaration, or his invocation of specific statutory powers pursuant to that declaration, was lawful to begin with.

HONORING PASTOR PIERCE'S SIXTH ANNIVERSARY AT MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENSBORO

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. WALKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop Bryan J. Pierce's sixth anniversary as the Senior Pastor and Chief Executive Officer of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro. Beginning to preach at the age of six and ordained by nineteen, Bishop Pierce is a man after God's own heart. It was in June of 2011 that Bishop Pierce became the Chief Administrative Officer at Mount Zion and worked diligently until his elevation to Senior Pastor on January 1, 2013. He strongly believes that he who serves the city, wins the city, which is expressed through a Church-wide campaign called No Greater Love, where members of Mount Zion come together to serve the Greensboro community. Also serving as 1st Assistant to 2nd Presiding Bishop, Bishop Pierce is a noted songwriter, arranger and producer. He successfully released his first solo debut album, which reached No. 3 on Billboard's Top Gospel Albums Chart by capturing an amazing sound that has facilitated openings for the Glory of God to be mani-

fest in the lives of His people. With 20 years of Senior Pastoral Leadership, we honor another anniversary of service and the faithful future he is sure to bring our community.

HONORING THE WORK OF ARMAND DERFNER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the important contributions of Armand Derfner to the advancement of civil rights in the United States.

In 1940, on his second birthday, Armand Derfner and his Jewish parents fled Nazi Germany to America. Derfner graduated from Princeton University in 1960. He would go on to receive Princeton's Koren Prize in History and a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship directly following his graduation. Derfner attended Yale Law School, where he was the Note & Comment Editor of the Yale Law Journal and was Order of the Coif.

Following his graduation from Yale Law School, Derfner clerked for Chief Judge David L. Bazelon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Derfner then became an associate at Covington & Burling.

After practicing law in the District of Columbia, Derfner moved to Jim Crow Mississippi to practice as a civil rights lawyer. His passion for social and political justice led to his being stalked. His dog was even poisoned, and he and his wife were shot at multiple times.

While in Mississippi, Derfner acted as a civil rights attorney for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. In 1968, Derfner represented voters in Greenwood, Mississippi, on the first day that the Voting Rights Act became effective. At just 29 years old, Derfner argued and won his first Supreme Court case. From the 1960s through the 1990s, Derfner played a vital role in civil rights cases, taking many of them to the Supreme Court. Derfner argued before the Supreme Court five times and won every case. These Supreme Court arguments helped shape the Voting Rights Act and its amendments.

Derfner also contributed to the passage of the Civil Rights Attorneys Fees Awards Act in 1976 and the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980. It was Derfner's work that led to the freeing of the Charleston Five, a protest group that was falsely accused of inciting violence. In the 1980s, while still attached to civil rights work in Mississippi, Derfner worked closely on civil rights issues with Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy and simultaneously taught at American University.

In 2002, Derfner was awarded the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. In 2009, the American

Bar Association named Derfner's firm, Derfner & Altman, Public Interest Lawyers of the Year. He is an honorary lifetime trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Derfner has just been named the recipient of the 2019 Commitment to Justice Award from the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Armand Derfner for his dedication to civil rights and for his significant contributions to recognizing equal justice under the law.

HONORING MR. BRIAN HURLEY FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Brian Hurley of Reavis High School for being selected as a finalist for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Through his devotion to his students, Mr. Hurley prepares and empowers them for a better future—a mission deserving of this prestigious recognition.

The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching was created in 1985 by Martin and Patricia Koldyke. The Koldykes felt that teachers were not receiving adequate recognition for the work they do in their classrooms and their communities. This year, 32 finalists from across the State of Illinois were selected from a record-setting number of over 550 high school teacher nominations across 71 counties. The Golden Apple Foundation's mission is to develop and support aspiring teachers to be successful in schools-of-need in Illinois.

Mr. Hurley works hard to interact with students in and out of the classroom. As a teacher of science, he strives to engage with his students through creative research prompts, out-of-the-box thinking, and projects the students find engaging. He states that his strategy is based on constructivist theory, a concept where students build their own interpretation of the world through individualized learning experiences and hands on work. To do so, he employs his own diverse professional background to teach physics, drawing from his numerous real-life scenarios to explain the complex topics.

As a finalist, Mr. Hurley is being recognized for his energy, enthusiasm, and mastery of the classroom. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Brian Hurley. He is well deserving of this praise and I am proud to represent such a talented educator.

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