

against the President of the United States of America for obstructing a lawful investigation. I do so, Mr. Speaker, because I will not put party above people; I will not put politics above principle; and I will not put this President above the law.

Mr. Speaker, I don't do this because I want to. I do so because I have to. We cannot allow the paralysis of analysis to thwart the obstruction of justice cause that must be brought before the Congress. This is a day that we all must start now to decide what our votes will be because history demands that we all take a stand.

I have not lobbied one person and will not do so. I say to people: Vote your conscience. But if you have read this document, there are a good many people who will conclude that the President has obstructed a lawful investigation.

Mr. Speaker, there are people who cannot say that I was right when I said some 600-plus days ago that the President was engaging in obstruction, and they will not say that I was wrong. But to those people who can't say that I am wrong and will not say that I am right, you know that I kept my word every step of the way, and I am going to keep my word today.

If this House does not bring these Articles of Impeachment before this august body, each Member has the authority and the opportunity to do so. I will not allow history to show that this Congress did not take a vote on the impeachment of a reckless, ruthless, lawless President.

I absolutely believe that we must honor our date with history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING RICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rice Elementary School for being authorized to teach the Primary Years Program as an International Baccalaureate World School.

The International Baccalaureate program takes an interdisciplinary approach, allowing children to learn and collaborate in the classroom. This program provides a unique learning experience to students, expanding their horizons and teaching them about our larger world beyond our own borders.

I congratulate the teachers and administrators at Rice Elementary. I thank them for always going above and beyond for their students and their families.

I am proud to recognize Rice Elementary School as a leader in education in our great State of Minnesota, the Education State, and in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District.

Congratulations again to the teachers, administrators, and most importantly, the students and their families.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRED CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ALAN DIX

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Chief Petty Officer Alan Dix from Elk River, Minnesota, for his service to our country.

After serving 24 years in the Navy and being stationed in Iraq, he continues to serve in our community. Chief Petty Officer Dix is responsible for creating the Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell.

In partnership with Wells Fargo, Alan and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans led the effort to create the Tribute Bell to thank and honor our servicemembers and veterans for their sacrifices to our great Nation.

Alan currently serves as the chair of the Minnesota Veterans Team Members Network, which is part of the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. The council helps veterans and their families access employment, housing, and legal assistance.

Through this organization, Alan made the Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell a reality. The bell embodies the symbolism of respect that our community has toward our military. Because of their courage and valor, we are safer and stronger as a country.

We are thankful for Alan. He reminds us of how important it is to remember and honor those who gave so much to our Nation.

His service and all of his work on behalf of our veterans and their families is greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING MITCH EICKHOFF, 2019 SAUK RAPIDS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mitch Eickhoff for being named the 2019 Sauk Rapids Citizen of the Year. Mitch is a lifelong resident of Sauk Rapids and the Sauk Rapids community. He is also a lifelong public servant.

Through his foundation, FGHC Active, Mitch raises money by organizing 5K runs and other community events for organizations like the Sauk Rapids Fire Department, Tanner's Team Foundation, and Anna Marie's Alliance.

Mitch's charitable efforts also extend well beyond the borders of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and the State of Minnesota. Mitch has raised money to support the Burn Violence Survivors—Nepal, which helps with the recovery process for burn victims in South Asia. He has also supported communities in Malawi, Africa, raising money for healthcare, education, and the environment.

Mitch's work to serve people in our community and beyond deserves recognition. Our district and our constituents all benefit from his passion to serve others.

I thank Mitch for making an exceptional impact on our community.

RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS RECOGNITION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. PETERS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, a day before Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, to recognize the late Cornelis and Wilhelmina de Ru.

In 1940, Nazi forces invaded the Netherlands, and days later, the Dutch were forced to surrender. Throughout the next 5 years, the de Ru family risked everything to save the life of a young Jewish teenager, Maurits Kopuit. He was only one of two survivors in his family.

The de Rus understood the great risk involved in shielding Maurits, yet they displayed unyielding courage in their effort to save a fellow citizen.

During the Holocaust, the Nazis systematically killed 6 million Jews. However, throughout this nightmare, there were a few like the de Rus who refused to allow dark forces to prevail.

This past Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. de Ru were named Righteous Among the Nations for their heroic efforts to protect Mr. Maurits Kopuit from the Nazi regime during World War II.

Righteous Among the Nations is a special designation by Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, that conveys the gratitude of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people for those who took risks to save Jews during the Holocaust.

As of January 2018, Yad Vashem had recognized over 26,000 people from 51 different countries with the Righteous Among the Nations designation. Their names appear on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem. It is an unprecedented tribute by victims to those who stood by their sides.

Next week marks the 74th anniversary of the Nazi army's surrender. We must never forget the consequences of remaining silent in the face of evil and intolerance.

Please join me in honoring the de Rus' selfless actions and commemorating all those whose lives were lost.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAN SMITH

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Stan Smith, an exemplary historian from Rancho Bernardo whose help made the San Diego Veterans History Project possible.

Stan's brother, Charlie, was killed during the invasion of Sicily in 1943 during World War II. This prompted Stan himself to join the U.S. Navy and later prompted his interest in recording veterans' accounts of their service during World War II and the Vietnam war.

Stan began helping my office in 2013 and worked with us for 3 years before going to help the San Diego Veterans Museum.

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He recorded more than 100 oral histories of San Diego County veterans in