

President Trump, his America is an America where Congress does not include Native Americans, Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans, or LGBTQ Americans. His vision for America is one where people like my parents and grandparents are not welcome.

What I find ironic about Donald Trump's anti-immigrant vision for this country is it contradicts his own family's history. Donald Trump's grandfather, Friedrich Trump, moved to the United States in 1885 for many reasons, including to escape poverty. Today, President Trump is hurting our reputation by denying entry to asylum seekers who are fleeing many of the hardships his very own grandfather was escaping.

In 1905, after making his fortune in the United States running a brothel, Grandfather Trump attempted to go back to Germany, only to be denied entry for failing to complete military service in his own country of Germany, something that apparently runs in the family.

After attempting to appeal the denial in a flattering letter to the Prince of Germany, addressing him as the much-loved, noble, wise, and righteous sovereign and sublime ruler, Friedrich Trump's request to return to Germany was denied for a second time.

My father and mother moved to the United States in 1946 seeking a better life for their family because they heard of the promise of the United States of America, that if you work hard and play by the rules, you can succeed and your children can have a better life.

I stand before you today an American-born citizen and a Member of the United States Congress because my parents worked hard and played by the rules. I wasn't handed a fortune like President Trump. I was taught the values of keeping my word, being kind to others, and working for what I earn.

Mr. Speaker, this President would like us to believe that he is more patriotic than the Congresswomen he has repeatedly attacked, not because of anything he has done for this country, but because he believes that this country's rights and protections only apply to the privileged, like himself.

Honor and patriotism exist in some more than others. My brother-in-law, Hector, who was born in Mexico and is now a citizen of the United States of America, answered the call to serve our great country, when Donald Trump avoided service time and time again.

While Donald Trump was dodging the draft five times, my brother-in-law, Hector, was serving the United States of America in Vietnam.

While Donald Trump was ripping off small businesses right here at home, Hector was shot while serving his country in Vietnam.

My Mexican-born brother-in-law served this country honorably, and if Donald Trump had his way, Hector would never have had the chance to serve our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, does the word "patriot" come to mind when you think of a man who dodged the draft time and time again, or does the word "patriot" come to mind when you think of a man who answered the call of duty and bled for our great country?

Mr. Speaker, I tell these truths to remind us all why the United States of America is great: We are a country of brave and beautiful American citizens and brave and beautiful immigrants from all over the world who contribute to the greatness of our great Nation every single day.

May God bless the diverse and beautiful people of the United States of America, and God bless the United States of America.

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

REPEAL THE MEDICAL DEVICE TAX

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak against the medical device tax.

Utah has earned a reputation as a thriving hub for innovation in life sciences, leading the Nation in technology breakthroughs. Each year, medical device manufacturers in Utah pioneer new, exciting medical technologies that help patients live longer and more productive lives.

Unfortunately, the culture of collaboration and innovation has been threatened by the medical device tax, a tax on device manufacturers that has stalled medical technology investment across the country.

Although Congress has come together on a bipartisan basis time and time again to delay its implementation, the continuous threat of heavy, onerous taxation has stifled job growth among medical technology innovators and has delayed cutting-edge research that could potentially lead to breakthroughs in patient care and treatment.

As it stands today, this tax will come into effect January 1, 2020. The impact would be devastating in Utah, where the med tech industry employs thousands of Utahns and contributes approximately \$5 billion to the local economy. One local company estimated the tax would cost them over \$7 million, money that would otherwise be reinvested into workforce and technology development.

As we approach this January deadline, I call upon my colleagues to come together and finally repeal the tax on innovation once and for all.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight our critical relationship with Israel, an alliance not only important to our two countries, but to the tectonic plates of global geopolitics.

I was pleased to both cosponsor and vote in favor of the United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act and the resolution opposing the efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Disinvestment, and Sanctions movement targeting Israel, two important legislative priorities, because I believe Israel's safety and security is critical to our own safety and security. More importantly, it is the right thing to do.

I have shared with my colleagues on the House Foreign Affairs Committee that Israel holds a special place in my heart. As a college student 40 years ago, I had the opportunity to spend a semester in Jerusalem and get to know the people and cultures. I developed a unique appreciation and understanding for the struggles they face on a daily basis.

As many of us know, the BDS movement exists solely to delegitimize Israel's very existence, and I am proud of the House of Representatives coming together on a bipartisan basis with a unified voice that we will not stand idly by while one of our closest allies is targeted and vilified. The path to peace between Israel and Palestine will not be hindered by that kind of blind hatred.

Although this BDS resolution sends a critical message, it falls short of what is ultimately needed to address the long-term challenges. I am hopeful that the House will consider stronger legislation with actual binding policy provisions to help the United States stand with Israel against BDS.

I am prepared to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to address these issues and those facing our allies.

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RECOGNIZING APOLLO ENGINEER MARION JOHNSON

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Marion Johnson for her contribution to landing a man on the Moon 50 years ago this month.

A product of the First Congressional District of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON used her love of math to break barriers throughout her life not only in math and science but also for women and people of color.

With a math degree from Talladega College, Ms. JOHNSON took a risk and applied to become one of the first female and/or minority engineers at Boeing. She was accepted. By chance, it happened to be around the same time that President Kennedy announced the national mission of sending a man to the Moon.

At Boeing, she worked on a team of engineers with the specific mission of putting a man on the Moon.