

The prosecution of impeachment will seldom fail to agitate the passions of the whole community, and to divide it into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused. In many cases it will connect itself with the preexisting factions and will enlist all their animosities, partialities, influence and interest on one side or the other; and in such cases there will always be the greatest danger that the decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt.

Speaker PELOSI's impeachment inquiry by fiat has realized this greatest danger. I call on her to allow for an open debate on this process immediately.

HONORING THE 2019 NATIONAL GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT MEGAN LOH

(Mr. CISNEROS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 39th Congressional District resident Megan Loh and her passion to ensure more young women and girls are represented and encouraged to participate in the field of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Megan, an avid Girl Scout and Troy High School student from Fullerton, formed her own nonprofit GEARup4Youth to encourage girls interested in STEAM and STEM career paths.

GEARup4Youth has already benefited more than 9,500 girls to date.

Megan also initiated the first girls-only robotics class at a local Boys & Girls Clubs of America. And she partnered with over 200 organizations to host presentations, family STEM events, and expos about her technology curriculum.

Megan even authored her own book, "Easy STEM Activities You Can Do At Home" in order to broaden more young girls' interests in STEAM.

For all her amazing and passionate work on behalf of young girls, Megan was named one of the 2019 National Gold Award Girl Scouts. In Megan's own words, we must continue to show young girls that they do belong in tech fields that aren't simply open to them, but need them. And as an education advocate, I couldn't agree more.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering my sincerest congratulations to Megan and thank her for all her work on behalf of young women like herself.

WHAT ARE THE DEMOCRATS HIDING?

(Mr. JORDAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, what are the Democrats hiding? What are

they hiding? Trying to impeach the President of the United States 13 months before an election based on an anonymous whistleblower with no first-hand knowledge, who has a bias against the President, who worked with Joe Biden, who wrote a memo the day after the call. And he described the call as "frightening, scary," but then he waits 18 days before he files the complaint. And who does he run off and see during that 18-day timeframe? ADAM SCHIFF, the guy who is running the secret process in a bunker in the basement of the Capitol.

What are they hiding from the American people? Americans get fairness. They understand it. And they instinctively know that this secretive process is not fair. 435 Members of the House representing over 300 million people in this country, and only one of them, ADAM SCHIFF, knows who the guy is who started this whole darn charade. ADAM SCHIFF is the only one who knows. Why don't the rest of us? Why don't, more importantly, the 300 million people who we all get the privilege of representing, why don't they know who the people are who started this whole darn process that the American people see through?

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HONORING CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our chairman, Elijah Cummings.

He was my first chairman. Chairman Cummings believed in the possibility of better from this institution. He understood that our squad was big and embraced the new era of social justice movement in our country. Congressman Cummings' presence was iconic, and I am humbled and honored to have served with him.

I pray that Congressman Cummings' wife and family find peace during this very difficult time in knowing that he has left a powerful legacy that has been centered on truth and justice.

I have a picture of my son with Congressman Cummings. He always said that children are the messages we send in the future. And so I wanted to honor Congressman Cummings by showing and displaying just the beautiful smile I remember that he provided for my 14-year old boy.

A MATTER OF JURISDICTION

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I have had the privilege and honor of serving most of my career in Congress on the Permanent Select Committee

on Intelligence. It is important work that goes on in secret, typically, and it is really important. Typically it involves the oversight of 17 agencies which we empower to protect this Nation from enemies abroad.

That important work has been hijacked by this investigation, which is being led by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Intelligence Committee works with sources and methods. Madam Speaker, there is nothing classified about anything that is going on downstairs in our SCIF. There are no sources or methods at risk here.

This is a jurisdictional issue. This investigation, should it be happening at all, should be done by the Committee on the Judiciary. That is where Articles of Impeachment will have to come from, not the Intelligence Committee. Our good work that is important to this Nation is being hijacked by this process that should not even, in my view, be going on. But if it should be going on, Chairman NADLER should be the one leading this effort, not Chairman SCHIFF.

I ask the Speaker to go the normal route, put the inquiry on the floor, have us vote on that, allow all of us to express our opinion, not just hers, but all of our opinions on this issue.

OUR DEMOCRACY IS UNDER ATTACK

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, our democracy is under attack. In 2016, Russia engaged in misinformation campaigns aimed at influencing our election results. Earlier this month, the Senate Intelligence Committee released a report that warns that these campaigns could evolve, intensify, and inspire other bad actors to make similar attempts in 2020.

Just yesterday, Facebook reported it shut down new accounts linked to Iran and Russia that are trying to influence our elections next year. Each and every one of us swore an oath to uphold and defend our Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic.

Now is the time to live up to that oath. No foreign government can be allowed to jeopardize the future of our democracy. I, therefore, ask each and every one of you today, what will you do to defend our democracy?

IT IS TIME THAT WE PUT THE FACTS ON THE TABLE

(Mr. MEADOWS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, in a SCIF in the basement of this very building is a secret process, a process that is designed to keep the truth from the American people. Now, it is not