

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MS. STEPHANIE
WALKER

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Stephanie Walker for her impactful work and leadership in school bus operation.

Ms. Walker started out as a bus driver, carrying on the legacy of both of her parents, who have been driving buses for Habersham County for over 30 years. Years later, Ms. Walker is continuing to impact school transportation through her role as transportation coordinator for Habersham County Schools.

Earlier this year, Ms. Walker became the first and only woman in Georgia, and the eighth Georgian overall, to become a Certified Director of Pupil Transportation. She is also the only person in the state of Georgia to become certified as Director of Pupil Transportation and in Special Needs Transportation.

Ms. Walker's focus on enhancing safety protocols has changed Habersham County Schools for the better. During her seven years as transportation coordinator, Ms. Walker has reworked and created emergency routes to ensure the safety of students and staff alike. With 115-plus buses and their passengers to account for every day, her job is not easy, but she enjoys the challenge.

Ms. Walker's notable work ethic and dedication has earned her a place in the national spotlight. Earlier this month, she was recognized by School Transportation News, a national publication, as one of ten "Rising Stars" for her work as an up-and-coming student transportation professional who displays leadership or innovation in school bus operation.

The students of Habersham County Schools are fortunate to have someone like Ms. Stephanie Walker working to keep them safe every day. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to thank her for her commitment to student safety and congratulate her for being recognized as a 'Rising Star' in school transportation.

HONORING THE PASSING OF
ARIZONA TEACHER, CATHY CANEZ

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Cathy Canez, a special education teacher from my district, who passed away earlier this year in a tragic accident.

Cathy was a beloved teacher, friend, and community member in the Miami unified school district for more than 25 years.

Her kindness, sense of humor, and dedication to the success of her students has al-

lowed her legacy and impact to reach beyond the classroom.

I've been married to a teacher for fifty years; I saw how hard my wife Pat worked to educate young people and improve their lives holistically.

Teachers have one of the most important jobs in our society, and a great teacher like Cathy had the power to affect the lives of so many.

Cathy was taken from us too soon. Arizona has lost an incredible role model and educator, but I know she will not soon be forgotten.

RECOGNITION OF MRS. YVETTE
DUBOSE AS A 2019 ANGELS IN
ADOPTION HONOREE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to honor Mrs. Yvette DuBose, for her extraordinary contributions as the CEO/Executive Director of the Heart Gallery of Broward County and as a caring foster parent herself.

Yvette was recognized as a 2019 Angels in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI). She is admired in our community for her steadfast commitment to the welfare of children as both a caring foster parent and as the Executive Director of the Heart Gallery of Broward County, as well as serving as a Board Member of the Heart Gallery of Florida and the Children Families Leadership Association. Her leadership at the Heart Gallery has led to more than 350 adoptions of foster children to their forever families, changing the course of their lives. Yvette's longstanding dedication truly exemplifies the values of the Angels in Adoption program.

Founded in 2001, CCAI is a nonprofit organization with the vision that every child should know the love and support of a caring family. Every year, CCAI selects a small group of outstanding individuals, families, or organizations across the nation to be recognized as Angels in Adoption. These honorees have gone above and beyond to demonstrate their commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

Madam Speaker, I am so very proud of Mrs. Yvette DuBose for all the work that she has done in our community. I wish her the best as she continues her work to make the dream of a forever family a reality for so many children in need.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, October 28th through October 30th I

was absent due to activities in my District related to wildfires and was unable to cast my vote for Roll Calls 586 through 602. For the same reason, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Calls 605 through 609. Had I been present I would have voted:

Roll Call No. 585 YES—Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act (H.R. 2440);

Roll Call No. 586 YES—Public Disclosure of Drug Discounts and Real Time Beneficiary Drug Cost Act (H.R. 2115);

Roll Call No. 589 YES—On Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 655);

Roll Call No. 588 YES—Rule Providing Consideration for H. Res. 296 (H. Res. 655);

Roll Call No. 587 YES—On Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 656);

Roll Call No. 590 YES—Rule Providing Consideration for H.R. 823, H.R. 1373, and H.R. 2181 (H. Res. 656);

Roll Call No. 591 YES—Affirming the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide (H. Res. 296);

Roll Call No. 592 YES—Protect Against Conflict by Turkey Act;

Roll Call No. 593 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 594 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 595 NO—Arrington Amendment to H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 596 NO—Motion to Recommit on H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 597 YES—Final Passage of H.R. 2181—Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019;

Roll Call No. 598 NO—Gosar/Lesko Amendment to H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 599 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 600 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 601 NO—Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 602 YES—Final Passage of H.R. 1373—Grand Canyon Centennial Protection;

Roll Call No. 605 NO—Curtis Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 823;

Roll Call No. 606 NO—Tipton Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 823;

Roll Call No. 607 YES—Crow Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 823;

Roll Call No. 608 NO—On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 823 and

Roll Call No. 609 YES—Final Passage of H.R. 823—Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD A.
COX

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Donald A. Cox of West

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Barnstable as he steps down from the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Cod Military Support Foundation. A former executive of Sheraton Hotels, Don has not slowed down in his retirement but has been fueled by his passion for serving veterans and active military personnel and their families. This commitment led him to establish the Cape Cod Military Support Foundation in 2014.

In his work, Don has recognized that children of deployed military personnel often feel their absence most dearly during the holidays and at other milestone moments. Therefore, he started Operation Backpack, to supply military children with back-to-school supplies, a holiday gift-giving program, and other holiday-themed events. In addition, the Foundation offers emergency and food assistance to military families, as well as nursery supplies for babies and toddlers. The families of Joint Base Cape Cod benefit from these programs through the Family Empowerment Center located on the base, Don's labor of love that opened in 2018. His work through the foundation was especially vital to Coast Guard families during the recent government shutdown.

In 2017, Don was recognized as a Difference Maker of the Year by the New England Patriots. He has been honored by the United States Coast Guard, the Massachusetts National Guard, and the American Red Cross for his work on behalf of military families. As he steps down from his role as Executive Director of the Cape Cod Military Support Foundation, the legacy of his work will continue as it extends to serve military families across Massachusetts and indeed the nation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Donald A. Cox for his dedication to serving our military and veterans' families. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for all of his incredible work and wishing him all the best as he continues to support our service members and their families.

RECOGNIZING CLIFFORD H. LONG,
CHAIRMAN OF THE EMERALD
COAST MILITARY AFFAIRS
COUNCIL

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Clifford Long, Chairman of the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council. Mr. Long served the area in this role since 2007. In 1998, the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce bestowed a special "President's Award" upon him to recognize his many years of dedication to the Military Affairs Council and Florida's military mission.

Mr. Long contributed his expertise and guidance in many different capacities. He served as Chairman of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council from 1989 to 2007 and as chamber president from 1971 to 1972. Mr. Long also served on the Board of Directors for the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council's Defense Support Initiative.

His life was lived in service to our community, serving as liaison and support between local business and the military community. He was a strong advocate for the region's military

presence, and worked diligently with the highest levels of Air Force leadership. He dedicated his life to contributing to the growth of the defense presence in Northwest Florida, and advocating for military officers. He was a true patriot.

In 2002, Mr. Long was awarded the Air Force Association "Civilian of the Year" award at their annual conference recognizing his outstanding efforts and dedication to the military and its mission. That same year, he was named a "Life Director" of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, recognizing the many years he dedicated to the growth and development of the chamber and the local area.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Clifford H. Long, and his life of service to Northwest Florida. I thank him for his impact on our community, and send my deepest condolences to his entire family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

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HONORING REVEREND WILLIE F.
WILSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring one of our nation's foremost liberation theologians, the Reverend Willie F. Wilson, Pastor of the Union Temple Baptist, in our nation's capital. Reverend Wilson has devoted his life and ministry to uplifting, enhancing and empowering the lives of the downtrodden and to fighting for the dignity, justice and liberation of all people.

Over the years, thousands have responded to the power of Reverend Wilson's preaching and exhortation to "unchain your mind" through examining and reclaiming Jesus Christ, the truth of African-American history and learning to love ourselves as well as others. As a result, Union Temple's membership has grown from the initial 25 faithful members to more than 8,000.

Reverend Wilson has served the Union Temple Baptist Church and the District of Columbia community faithfully for 46 years. His impact on the church is immeasurable. As he passes the torch of leadership to his daughter, Reverend Dr. Anika Wilson Brown, we wel-

come her and thank Reverend Wilson for his steadfast work.

Reverend Wilson, born in Newport News, Virginia, received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio University. He became a D.C. resident in 1969 and received a master's degree from Howard University School of Divinity.

Under his leadership, the Union Temple Baptist Church achieved an array of firsts, including the first substance abuse ministry based in a D.C. church; the first African-American church-led Rites of Passage program to support adolescents in transitioning from childhood to adulthood; the introduction of Kwanzaa Celebration as part of faith ministry; the first ordination of women into Baptist ministry regionally; and the promotion of interfaith worship between Christians and Orthodox Muslims. The church invested millions of dollars in the development of affordable housing, home ownership and financial literacy programs, as well as in youth development and health promotion activities.

Social service programs have flourished at the Union Temple Baptist Church, including the Akoma project, which provides case management to individuals living with HIV/AIDS; the AYA Program, a D.C. Department of Human Services-funded program providing counseling, job development and placement services to assist people moving from welfare to work; and the Village Keepers Homeless Outreach Ministry, which provides shelter for homeless individuals in D.C.—to name only a few.

The Union Temple Baptist Church has erected a home in Ghana, West Africa for its Rites of Passage programs. The church has donated over one million dollars in medical supplies to the hospital in Asankrangwa and sponsors an adopt-a-child educational program. Ordained a Wolof Priest in Gambia, Reverend Wilson's ministry and practice are African-centric, focusing on the African influence on Christianity. His most recent book, *Birth of the Bible*, is a commentary on "African spiritual traditions borrowed, stolen, misappropriated and modified to produce the book that we know today as the Bible."

Reverend Wilson's work has not gone unnoticed. In 2018, Reverend Wilson was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Civil Rights Movement in Selma, Alabama. He was recognized in 1986 by USA Today "as one of the 10 most valuable people in America." In 1995, he was asked to join the historic Million Man March as a national organizer, and, in 1997, he received the Presidential Service Award from President Bill Clinton.

Reverend Wilson is the father of four children and is married to Reverend Mary Lewis Wilson. He has served on the board of trustees of the University of the District of Columbia. Reverend Wilson has dedicated his life to a creative, innovative ministry to uplift humanity. He has a deep abiding love for all people and is a passionate voice for truth, justice and equality for the citizens of D.C. and everywhere.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Reverend Willie F. Wilson for his dedication to freedom and justice for all, and to the well-being and faith of District of Columbia residents. We recognize him for the profound impact his vision and his work has had on others.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. WILFRED GEORGE PERKINS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Wilfred George Perkins, a cherished family man, business owner, and faith leader. Mr. Perkins, a lifelong Colorado resident and pillar of the Pikes Peak region passed away on October 19, 2019, at the age of ninety-one.

Will was born in Montrose, Colorado. After graduating from Colorado College in 1949, he married the love of his life, Bessie Lea Hastings, in 1950. Their remarkable sixty-nine years of marriage produced children, Pamela (Ted) Walker, Tom (Cheryl) Perkins, Karen (Jeff) Sheets, and Sandra (Bentley) Tate, along with fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Perkins was a second-generation automobile enthusiast and salesman. Will owned and operated Perkins Motors from 1958 to 1985. He also served two terms as the president of the Chrysler National Dealer Council. Will was highly regarded in the business world. He was a role model for his peers and community leaders around the state and the nation. Even competitors admired Will's humble attitude and spiritual consistency. Upon retiring, Mr. Perkins passed the family business on to his son, Tom, and later his grandson, David.

Will's public testimony to the power of the Gospel was bold, clear, and compelling. If there was one thing that Will hung his hat on, it was that he was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. He wanted people to know about the life they could have if they would open up their hearts to the Lord. He generously supported numerous ministries, including: The Navigators, Young Life, Springs Rescue Mission, International Students, Inc., and Focus on the Family. Will and Bessie attended Village Seven Presbyterian Church for forty-seven years. Will faithfully sang in the church choir and encouraged fellow believers to become engaged in their communities, whether it be politically or spiritually.

Mr. Perkins truly made the culture of the 5th Congressional District as beautiful as our natural surroundings. The Colorado Front Range has lost a Christian statesman, but we will benefit from Will's legacy for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 31, 2019, due to a serious illness in my immediate family. Had I been present, I would have voted: No on Roll Call No. 605; No on Roll Call No. 606; Yes on Roll Call No. 607; No on Roll Call No. 608 and Yes on Roll Call No. 609.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
THOMAS HANIE PARIS, JR.

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thomas Hanie Paris, Jr.

Tom Paris, Jr. was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia. While attending Gainesville High School, Tom was elected class president and captain of the football team where he earned All-State and All-American honors. After graduating from high school, Tom went on to play college football at the University of Georgia where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and was inducted into both Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies, all while being a three-year letterman.

After graduating from college, Tom joined the family business of Paris-Dunlap Wholesale Hardware Company, serving as the company's president. Building on his success at Paris-Dunlap, Tom founded Paris Management and Investment Company and Paris Storage Company.

Tom was often recognized for his success in business, but above all else, he will be remembered for his devotion to his community. Tom worked to advance numerous organizations throughout Hall County, serving as director of the Gainesville-Hall Chamber of Commerce, president of the Gainesville Rotary Club, a founding trustee of Lakeview Academy, a trustee of both Brenau University and the Northeast Georgia Health System board, and a faithful member of Gainesville First United Methodist Church, among many other roles.

Even after his passing, Tom Paris, Jr. continued to move our community forward by raising funds in his memory to renovate the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia, which he served as a board member for over nine years. We were reminded of his legacy earlier this week as the Humane Society held its ribbon cutting ceremony for the Paris Family Surgery Suite. The remodeled surgery suite honors Tom's wish that the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia renovate the surgery suite to provide the most up-to-date care and technology for the animals of Northeast Georgia. Because of Tom and the funds for this renovation, the Humane Society's lifesaving spay and neuter work will continue for decades to come.

Tom will always be remembered as a steady leader in our community, but first and foremost, he was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I hope you will join Tom's beloved family in celebrating his remarkable life.

MICHIGAN REHABILITATION
ASSOCIATION

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Michigan Rehabilitation Association, which celebrates 70 years of exemplary service on November 1, 2019.

What began as a professional association for rehabilitation practitioners is now among our state's leading voices working on behalf of people with disabilities. But they have not just been passionate advocates: they have given rehabilitation professionals new opportunities to grow and develop their skills, in turn allowing them to better serve the people of Michigan.

I want to thank the Michigan Rehabilitation Association for its hard work over the past 70 years. I wish them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF TRAVOIS, INC.

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my esteemed colleague, Rep. EMANUEL CLEAVER, of Kansas City, Missouri to recognize Travois, Inc., a Certified B Corporation headquartered in Kansas City, that has been named a "Best For The World" honoree by B Lab. Travois focuses exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. We are proud to have this socially and environmentally conscious company in the Kansas City metro region.

Since its establishment in 1995, Travois has generated \$1.4 billion in housing and economic development in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities, helping clients build or rehabilitate more than 5,400 affordable homes. The company has brought more than \$800 million in private investor equity to more than 200 developments in Indian Country. Travois raises capital for this purpose through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the New Markets Tax Credit program, and through impact investors.

Travois' work promotes public benefits, is designed to solve social and environmental issues, creates economic opportunity for individuals and communities, and focuses on underserved populations. The company also finances critical economic development projects, including infrastructure, healthcare, community centers, education facilities, and senior living centers in 22 states. Additionally, it provides employee benefits like on-site daycare and uses an extensive renewable energy system of rooftop solar panels to power its headquarters building.

Travois has been honored in two categories of Best For the World: Overall and Customers. It earned recognition as Best for the World: Overall due to its rank in the top 10 percent of all 3,000 B Corporations worldwide across all six impact areas—environment, workforce, local communities, supplies, customers, and corporate governance. It is one of only 119 U.S. companies that were recognized with this honorary designation and is the only Missouri-based company in this category.

The Best For the World recognition is administered by the global nonprofit B Lab, which certifies and supports Certified B Corporations that are dedicated to using business as a force for good. The 3,000 B Corporations

are spread across 64 countries and 150 industries, unified by the common goal of redefining success in business. These corporations, including Travois, meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance and are assessed by the overall positive impact of their business model.

Madam Speaker, please join Rep. CLEAVER and myself in congratulating Travois, Inc. for being awarded as a Certified B Corporation Best For The World 2019 honoree. Travois' outstanding achievement and dedication to sustainability and social justice are truly admirable, and we are privileged to have such an organization in our Kansas City region.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of the late Rep. John Conyers, the longest serving African American in Congress, a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and the former Dean of the House.

During his more than 50 years in the House of Representatives, Rep. Conyers built a reputation as a champion for civil, human and voting rights. He was relentless: Just four days after the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed, Rep. Conyers introduced the first bill to create a federal holiday honoring him. Fifteen years later, he finally got it over the finish line when President Reagan signed it into law in 1983.

Rep. Conyers spent his life advocating for those who often did not have a seat at the table. He helped spearhead landmark reforms including the original passage and several extensions of the Voting Rights Act, as well as passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Hate Crimes Act of 2009. In 2002, Rep. Conyers successfully pushed for the Help America Vote Act, legislation that made sweeping improvements to voting systems and voter access.

On a personal note, Rep. Conyers also had ties to my hometown of Selma, Alabama, where he led a voter registration drive in February 1965, just one month before the Bloody Sunday Selma to Montgomery march. Rep. Conyers was in his first year in Congress, but Dr. King said his "very presence there has had an electric effect upon the voteless and beleaguered Negro citizens of this city, county, state and nation."

Rep. Conyers never wavered in his steadfast support of his beloved Detroit and those he served. May he rest in peace.

DIRECTING CERTAIN COMMITTEES TO CONTINUE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS INTO WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, to its credit, the House is demonstrating the seriousness of steps that could lead to the impeachment of a president. In my judgment, shameful breaches of conduct (and Trump has committed many), such as President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, were not impeachable because official duties were not implicated. For impeachment, the Constitution requires "high Crimes and Misdemeanors." An affair with an intern is disgraceful, not criminal.

The people are ahead of the Congress on impeaching this President, or at least on the inquiry we formalize, if consistent indications from polls can be counted as evidence. The House is taking the right step in ratifying the inquiry process that will lead to the necessary open hearings.

As a member of the Oversight and Reform Committee, I have been sitting in on closed hearings from witnesses whose testimony is part of the prescribed process. The prosecutor, the House, is conducting an inquiry, which is like a grand jury proceeding or a U.S. Attorney investigation to determine if there has been a violation of law. These procedures are always closed to protect the innocent parties in case the decision is made that there is not enough evidence to move forward. So far, witnesses have come forward to corroborate evidence indicating that Trump used his office as president to seek "a favor," an investigation of his most prominent opponent in the forthcoming election, by a foreign power who had life or death dependence on the appropriated U.S. funds.

Was there an attempt made to hold security funding hostage to the president's concern about a political rival? If this question is deemed not to be worthy of the inquiry—investigation—we authorize today, it would be difficult to ever again define any conduct that deserves an impeachment inquiry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN
MARCUS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the career and advocacy of Stephen Marcus as he is named 2019 Man of the Year by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

At a young age Stephen was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis. Years later, he would also be diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. Rather than live quietly with these invisible diseases, Stephen chose to advocate for those who share his diagnosis.

In 2010, Stephen, along with his son Jake, formed Team Intestinal Fortitude. Since its inception, Team Intestinal Fortitude has raised more than 1.2 million dollars for those who suffer from inflammatory bowel diseases.

Later in 2012, Stephen became President of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's New England Chapter. While President he spearheaded the campaign to pass Massachusetts' Restroom Access Act. This law requires public establishments to grant a customer with eligible medical conditions access to the facilities on premise regardless of store

policy. This important legislation helped raise awareness and give dignity to those who suffer from IBD. More recently, he has become head of the chapter's advocacy committee, where he is committed to working to combat unnecessary and reductive barriers between patients and their insurance companies.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the necessary work of Stephen Marcus and offer my sincere gratitude for his dedication to improving the lives of those suffering from IBD.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 28, 2019 through October 30, 2019, due to a serious illness in my immediate family. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yes on Roll Call No. 585; Yes on Roll Call No. 586; Yes on Roll Call No. 587; Yes on Roll Call No. 588; Yes on Roll Call No. 589; Yes on Roll Call No. 590; Yes on Roll Call No. 591; Yes on Roll Call No. 592; No on Roll Call No. 593; No on Roll Call No. 594; No on Roll Call No. 595; No on Roll Call No. 596; Yes on Roll Call No. 597; No on Roll Call No. 598; No on Roll Call No. 599; No on Roll Call No. 600; No on Roll Call No. 601 and Yes on Roll Call No. 602.

DIRECTING CERTAIN COMMITTEES
TO CONTINUE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS INTO WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 660.

This is only the fourth time in its 230-year history, the House of Representatives is voting to authorize a public inquiry into whether to exercise one of the most solemn responsibilities of Congress: impeachment of the President of the United States.

Under the Constitution, the criteria for impeachment and removal from office are “treason, bribery, or other high crimes and mis-

demeanors.” While the Constitution does not define the scope of “high crime and misdemeanor,” Alexander Hamilton wrote in the Federalist Papers that impeachable offenses are those that arise “from the abuse or violation of some public trust” and “relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to the society itself.” The House determined in 1988 that high crimes and misdemeanors are not necessarily criminal acts but rather “misconduct that damages the state and the operation of government institutions.”

Last month, a whistleblower alleged that the President had used the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 election by withholding congressionally approved security assistance for Ukraine to coerce them to investigate a political opponent. If true, these allegations are impeachable offenses that threaten the very core of our system of government.

What we have learned since our inquiry began on September 24th is deeply troubling. Numerous government officials, both political appointees and career diplomats, have testified under oath how the President's personal lawyer ran a shadow foreign policy to benefit the President's reelection at the expense of legitimate foreign policy objectives.

With today's resolution, the House will move into the public phase of the inquiry. The Resolution ensures a fair and transparent process that allows the Majority and the Minority equal time to question witnesses and permits the President's attorneys to present their case, question witnesses, and make requests for additional evidence or testimony. These protections are the same or greater than the ones provided to Presidents Nixon and Clinton during the inquiries into their behavior.

I don't take today's vote lightly because I served in Congress during the impeachment of President Clinton. I know firsthand how divisive impeachment can be. However, our democracy cannot function under these circumstances, and my oath to defend the Constitution calls me to support this inquiry.

When Benjamin Franklin was asked whether the newly drafted Constitution established a monarchy or a republic, he replied “a Republic, if you can keep it.” Each generation of Americans is called to uphold the principles of self-governance, and when those we elect to public office violate our laws and our Constitution, faith in our democracy erodes.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this resolution so the American people can hear firsthand how the President abused the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 election. My oath of office is to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and I will continue to do everything I can to live up to this sacred pledge and keep the republic the Founding Fathers built for us.