

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DANIEL FLYNN FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel Flynn of Belgrade, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Flynn has served in the United States Army for over 15 years. In that time, he has earned a total of 12 medals and awards including the Bronze Star and Joint Service Commendation Medal, attaining the rank of Chief Warrant Officer III.

In his service to both his country and the state of Montana Mr. Flynn has completed three tours of duty in the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel. During his tours, he travelled thousands of miles where he routinely put himself in danger to protect others. Today, we honor and thank Mr. Flynn for his bravery.

In the community Mr. Flynn has even helped the police apprehend a shoplifter. He is a father of two and his family is proud of his commitment and sacrifice to our great country.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Daniel Flynn for his dedication and service.

HONORING REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN COLORADO

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, in honor of National Apprenticeship Week, I rise today to recognize the importance of Registered Apprenticeship Programs.

Since 1937, the Department of Labor's Registered Apprenticeship Program has been a model for recruiting and developing well-trained workers in highly-skilled occupations. Registered Apprenticeship Programs play a vital role in setting robust training, pay, and safety standards that are nationally recognized and credentialed.

Programs that are given the registered apprenticeship designation are subject to stringent requirements that mandate progressive wage increases, quality assurance assessments by the government, comprehensive safety training, and workplace rights protections. These standards and protections also include important equal opportunity measures and equity outcomes such as requiring targeted outreach to previously underserved pop-

ulations for recruitment into apprenticeship programs, diversifying the workforce and providing rewarding career opportunities for women, veterans, and people of color.

Furthermore, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the Colorado Building and Construction Trades Council, comprised of 24 craft local unions who belong to 14 national and international unions. These local unions make represent 30,000 skilled working men and women in the Colorado. The Building Trades Union has, and continues to, exemplify the gold standard of the Registered Apprenticeship system. Building Trades Registered Apprenticeship programs represent over two thirds of all the registered apprenticeships in the U.S. and, together with its contractor partners, invest over \$1.5 billion annually in a nationwide network of over 1,600 training centers.

The Building Trades' Apprenticeship Programs are proven alternatives to a four-year college degree and provide apprentices with opportunities to learn portable skills and receive a debt-free education while earning livable wages. I congratulate the Colorado Building and Construction Trades Council on their success and implore my colleagues to join me in protecting and expanding upon the DOL's Registered Apprenticeship Program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, on November 12, 2019, I missed roll call votes 610 and 611.

Had I been present for roll call 610, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4162, the GI Bill Planning Act of 2019, I would have voted "Yes."

Had I been present for roll call 611, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3224, the Deborah Sampson Act, I would have voted "Yes."

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 660, IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY RESOLUTION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 660, a resolution establishing procedures for the House of Representatives Committees investigating President Donald John Trump to continue their ongoing impeachment inquiry.

No one is above the law, and the President must be held accountable for his actions. I first called for an impeachment inquiry in May, and

witnesses have revealed even more evidence of wrongdoing. The President withheld Congressionally appropriated foreign aid money while asking a foreign government to investigate a political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden and his family. Congressional committees, including the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Oversight and Reform Committee, and the Judiciary Committee, have been leading investigations into the President's actions, and the Administration has obstructed those investigations at every turn. My colleagues on the committees of jurisdiction have been diligently working to bring the truth to light. It is clear from the evidence already uncovered, along with the President's own remarks, that he has betrayed his oath to the Constitution and threatened our national security. The investigation must continue.

The resolution on the floor today outlines the procedures for the next phase of the impeachment investigation. The next phase of the inquiry will allow Oregonians and people across the country to witness the process designed by our Founding Fathers to uphold our values and maintain the checks and balances that are essential to a functioning democracy. Although we do not know the breadth of the evidence that the inquiry will uncover, it is clear that this is a grave time for our democracy. We must use all the tools at our disposal, including this impeachment inquiry, to uncover the full scope and significance of the President's actions.

RECOGNIZING PAULA CONTRERAS FOR BEING NAMED A THCA CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paula Contreras, a certified nurse aide from Richmond, Texas whose incredible work earned her the title of the Texas Health Care Association's (THCA) Certified Nurse Aide of the Year for Region 7.

Paula has been serving her community at Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation for two years, where she has worked diligently in her role as a certified nurse aide as well as a therapy technician.

She also helps train new certified nurse aides while sitting on the fall and safety committee and serves on the Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation's Quality Assurance Performance Improvement committee.

Paula's commitment to her role as a certified nurse aide garnered the admiration of her coworkers, who nominated her for the award.

Congratulations to Paula, on this immense achievement. She has made the 22nd Congressional District of Texas proud.

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