

thank him for his continued service to our community.

**SUPPORTING HISTORICALLY
BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to celebrate and recognize the importance of educational opportunities at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, creating opportunities for thousands of young men and women, many of them first-time college attendees. I am delighted to have Texas Southern University in my congressional district and, as well, to have Prairie View A&M in the near area.

I was very instrumental in getting Hurricane Harvey relief dollars and financial aid relief for students at the campus of Texas Southern University in the amount of \$13 million and to be able to help digitize the projects for former U.S. Members of Congress Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland.

As well, I remember working with Prairie View A&M when they helped establish a very grand criminal justice center that is educating many young people.

But I am really here to support the FUTURE Act, Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education, supported by the House and passed out of the House on September 17, 2019.

Unfortunately, this bill is held up in the Senate. This House bill is much better. We support the House bill and would ask the Senator from Tennessee to do what he should do, which I believe he has done: to make sure that bill goes out, and goes out as the House bill.

This is a bill to focus on STEM and to create opportunities for our young people. I support HBCUs and opportunities for those young people.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT C. ZIMMERMAN, JR., 2019 ROTARY CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR, SUNBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert C. Zimmerman, Jr., on being named the 2019 Person of the Year by the Rotary Club of Sunbury, Pennsylvania. This recognition is well-deserved for someone who has exemplified the attributes of public servant leadership in our community for over 50 years.

Bob began his service to our community by serving our country in the United States Marine Corps, then later in the U.S. Army Reserve. His service also includes active work in community organizations like the United

Way, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Sunbury Area Community Foundation.

For the last 43 years, Robert has been working in his family business, Zimmerman Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM, where he continued Zimmerman's long tradition of treating customers like family.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I again congratulate Robert C. Zimmerman, Jr., on being named Person of the Year by the Rotary Club of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

CONGRESSIONAL UKRAINE CAUCUS MEETINGS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, bipartisan support for the U.S.-Ukraine longstanding strategic partnership remains resolute.

Ukraine is the nation on the scrimmage line for liberty in Europe. And as I speak, Ukraine's armed services are protecting Europe's eastern flank from Russian aggression. Its people have made their commitment to democracy clear in its most recent elections, and over 14,000 Ukrainians have now died fighting Russia's illegal invasion.

Tomorrow, the Congressional Ukraine Caucus will join the Atlantic Council in hosting a half-day bipartisan, bicameral conference, entitled, "U.S. Strategic Interests in Ukraine." It will be held tomorrow at 11:30 in the Visitor Center Meeting Room North. I encourage my colleagues to come and spend a few minutes with us.

I am also pleased to host a roundtable with extraordinarily brave, award-winning Ukrainian journalist Myroslava Gongadze tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the morning in Rayburn 2362B.

Following the brutal murder of her husband, Myroslava tirelessly pursued justice on his behalf in the European Court of Human Rights and now serves as the Voice of America's chief for Ukrainian service.

Madam Speaker, I kindly invite all my colleagues to attend these important sessions.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF GERALD BRENCE

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Gerald Brence, the athletic director for the Plano Independent School District, for 39 years of dedicated service to the students and athletes in Plano, Texas.

Before earning the title of athletic director in 2007, Gerald Brence served as the head coach of the Plano Senior High School football team from 1992 to 2007. During his tenure, the Plano Sen-

ior Wildcats secured a State championship title in 1994 and made five trips to the State quarterfinals. One of the most winning coaches in Plano Senior High's history, Coach Brence has earned the respect and admiration of those around him.

Under his steadfast leadership as athletic director, Plano ISD earned State championships in seven different sports, including golf, tennis, baseball, boys basketball, boys soccer, girls soccer, and girls basketball.

Our community is proud of Director Brence's leadership within Plano ISD, and we are grateful for the countless lives he has inspired throughout his career. Now, upon his retirement, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Director Gerald Brence for his dedication to Plano ISD.

SUPPORT UKRAINE AND COUNTER THE RUSSIAN BEAR

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, earlier tonight, the Democrat leadership of this House put to the floor a resolution, H. Res. 546, to state that Russia should not be allowed to officially rejoin the G7. That resolution calls out the President's desire to reengage with Russia in the G7 in an attempt to put Republican Members in the House in a false debate between supporting the President and supporting Ukraine's sovereignty.

Madam Speaker, there is no debate, at least not in the Republican Conference. As we all have voted before:

Russia must restore Ukraine's borders;

The United States must continue to provide military aid to Ukraine to withstand Russian aggression;

The United States must continue to assist our European allies in resisting Russian influence; and

The United States must continue to sanction the irresponsible regime of Vladimir Putin.

In all these policies, President Trump has actually gone further than President Obama: sanctions have increased; military aid has been elevated to include lethal weapons.

I strongly support the President's policies to continue to support Ukraine and counter the Russian bear.

Madam Speaker, NATO—where the President is over, today, working in London and remarked that NATO has become stronger—did not become a strong alliance by having the House of Representatives constantly undercut the Commander in Chief.

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RECOGNIZING HOLLY VEGA

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