

and the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, both of which have detailed the need to strengthen relations between local communities and local law enforcement. The bill would provide grants to local governments to create local task forces on 21st century policing to bring police, representatives of the community and public officials together to identify best policing practices for local police and other ways to strengthen relations between the community and police departments. No new funds are needed. Existing funds from the Department of Justice would support local governments establishing the task forces by listing these task forces as an acceptable use of Byrne Justice Assistance Grants. Given the continuing controversy surrounding police shootings of unarmed African American men, with no solutions in sight, this bill is more timely every day.

The task forces, modeled after the federal Task Force on 21st Century Policing, would allow local communities to identify the best ways to create an effective partnership between local law enforcement and the communities they serve, while reducing crime, increasing trust and combating racial profiling. The task forces could create a partnership to implement practical policing practices acceptable to all concerned.

The creation of task forces could be an important step toward easing the tensions between local law enforcement and many communities. In addition, the task forces could serve to engage local law enforcement and local stakeholders in a transparent public problem-solving process instead of the current situation that encourages parties to choose sides.

THANKING DAVID LAURITZEN FOR  
HIS EFFORT TO HELP OTHERS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the wonderful work by David Lauritzen, an eight-year-old boy from Katy, TX. He's on a mission to bring joy to children battling cancer.

David is a cancer survivor, who received treatment at various hospitals over the course of his life. That experience means he understands the pain that children fighting this disease go through. So, when his mother asked him how he wanted to commemorate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month a couple of years ago, he said that he wanted to make them smile.

Starting by collecting coins in a jar, David and his parents began the nonprofit David's Toy Project, Inc. to do just that. They have made it their mission to buy toys for kids undergoing cancer treatment and just last year raised almost \$12,000.

The light of goodness radiates through David and his family, and the smiles he brings to the faces of children shine just as bright. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we thank David for his courage and caring spirit that warms the hearts of others.

UYGHUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY  
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of letters between me and the Chair of the Committee on Intelligence on S. 178, the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC, December 2, 2019.*

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF,  
*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCHIFF: I am writing to you concerning S. 178, the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019. I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation.

I acknowledge that provisions of the bill fall within the jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence under House Rule X, and that your Committee will forgo action on S. 178 to expedite floor consideration. I further acknowledge that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the matters contained in the bill that fall within your jurisdiction. I will also support the appointment of House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation.

Lastly, I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. Thank you again for your cooperation regarding the legislation. I look forward to continuing to work with you as the measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

ELIOT L. ENGEL,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,  
*Washington, DC, December 6, 2019.*

HON. ELIOT ENGEL,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ENGEL: I write in reply to your letter of December 2, 2019, regarding S. 178—legislation referred in the House as the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, and passed on the House floor as amended as the Uighur Intervention and Global Humanitarian Unified Response Act of 2019.

Provisions of S. 178 fall within the jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("Committee"), as set forth by House Rule X.

Nevertheless, the Committee worked with the Committee on Foreign Affairs to ensure the legislation's expeditious consideration on the House floor—but without waiving any potential jurisdictional claims as to subjects addressed by S. 178.

I am grateful for our continuing work together, on this and other important measures regarding human rights and other matters. I very much look forward to S. 178's swift enactment into law.

Sincerely,

ADAM B. SCHIFF,  
*Chairman.*

HONORING MAYOR PRO-TEM  
ROGER HAAS FOR 22 YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF  
KANNAPOLIS

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Haas for 22 years of public service to the City of Kannapolis, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Over the years, Roger has played an instrumental role in shaping the history of Kannapolis. He was first elected to the Kannapolis City Council in 1997 and retires today as Mayor Pro-Tem. Admired by his colleagues, Roger has twice been appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem due to his innovative vision for our community.

Roger has led a career of distinction and is an effective, prolific leader. He has served on the boards of the Kannapolis Rotary Club, American Red Cross, Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Concord-Kannapolis Transit Authority; and as the Cabarrus County Tourism Authority Chair, Partners for Progress Chair, and Cabarrus County Planning & Zoning Commission Chair.

During his tenure with the Kannapolis City Council, Roger worked tirelessly to construct the Kannapolis Train Station, North Carolina Research Campus, Albemarle waterline, and Kannapolis City Hall & Police Headquarters. More recently, he has been a key figure in the redevelopment of downtown Kannapolis and due to his leadership, the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Sports & Entertainment Venue will open next year.

An extraordinary public servant, Roger has guided Kannapolis through a period of unpredicted growth. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Haas for his 22 years of public service to our community.

JACK LEE BRINGS AMERICA INTO  
THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY OLYMPIAD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Seven Lakes High School sophomore Jack Lee for helping organize the United States' first team to the International Astronomy Olympiad.

Jack went above and beyond to be able to take part in the Olympiad. When he learned that the United States did not have a team to field for the competition, Jack took the bull by the horns and contacted Rice University to organize one. His goal was to start a trend so that future teams would represent the United States in the Olympiads for years to come.

With incredible determination and drive, Jack—with help from team leader and Rice

University professor Patricia Reiff and team coach Franklyn Pacheco—fielded a team to compete in this year's International Astronomy Olympiad in Piatra Neamt, Romania.

Jack's tenacity and dedication to making his goals a reality show his incredible character and spirit. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, he makes our Katy community very proud.

HONORING TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MANAGER CASEY HASHIMOTO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor outgoing Turlock Irrigation District (TID) Manager Casey Hashimoto. In his three decades with the district, Mr. Hashimoto has been a consummate professional whose dedication and determination has positively benefited the people and businesses served by TID.

Since beginning his tenure as General Manager in 2010, Mr. Hashimoto has been instrumental in keeping electricity rates some of the lowest in California while also improving the reliability of TID's water and electrical systems. During his time with as General Manager, Mr. Hashimoto has overseen efforts such as design and construction the Hughson-Grayson high voltage transmission line and TID's new state-of-the-art Power Control Center, both of which have helped TID improve their energy efficiency and adapt to the demands of the changing Western energy markets.

Most notably, Mr. Hashimoto has worked tirelessly on the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project, having led efforts on the complex and complicated relicensing of the 203-megawatt Don Pedro dam, reservoir, and powerhouse. Mr. Hashimoto and his team oversaw a multi-million-dollar extension and upgrade to the Don Pedro Project while continuing to work with numerous stakeholders, federal agencies, tribes, scientists, and recreational outfitters to ensure this project remained a vital resource of the San Joaquin Valley for generations to come.

In addition to his work for TID, Mr. Hashimoto has been active in many influential utility industry organizations, including the California Municipal Utilities Association, the Norwest Power Pool, the Association of California Water Agencies, and the American Public Power Association. It is evident that his accomplishments and industry expertise will continue to make positive impacts in our Valley and the water and power industry long after Mr. Hashimoto's retirements.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a man whose professionalism and determination has benefited many of the water and power users of California's San Joaquin Valley. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Casey Hashimoto as he retires from his role as General Manager of Turlock Irrigation District. I wish Casey and his family the best as he embarks on this new phase of life.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT THROUGH A NEGOTIATED TWO-STATE SOLUTION

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 6, 2019*

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of H. Res. 326, a non-binding resolution reiterating the U.S. House of Representatives' support for long-standing U.S. policy to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

I have consistently supported a two-state solution throughout my time in Congress. While there is no perfect solution to this complex and heated conflict, I believe a negotiated two-state solution between Israeli and Palestinian leaders is a viable framework to achieve security, peace, and address the legitimate needs of both peoples.

Furthermore, I am pleased that H. Res. 326 condemns actions by the Trump administration and the Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu which have severely undermined the possibility of a two-state solution.

For example, H. Res. 326 puts the House of Representatives on the record as opposing unilateral annexation of territory. This is an important rebuke of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's disturbing announcement that he plans to annex large swathes of the occupied Palestinian territories, a move that I strongly oppose.

Additionally, I am opposed to President Trump's decision to discontinue bilateral assistance to the Palestinians and U.S. contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). That's why I am pleased H. Res. 326 states that "it is in the United States' interest to continue promoting the security, stability, and humanitarian well-being of Palestinians and their neighbors by resuming the provision of foreign assistance pursuant to United States law."

I am also pleased this resolution opposes the Trump administration's continued greenlighting of Israeli settlement expansion in the West Bank. This declaration is especially timely given the Trump administration's recent outrageous reversal of the decades-long U.S. position that Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories are against international law. I also joined my colleagues in signing a letter condemning President Trump's reversal.

However, while I support this resolution, I believe it should have gone further to address additional actions by the Trump administration and the Netanyahu government which have severely undermined a two-state solution.

For example, H. Res. 326 fails to condemn the Trump administration's decision to recognize the city of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital and to relocate the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and it fails to denounce the Netanyahu government's continued human rights abuses, including demolition of Palestinian homes and villages, military detention of Palestinian children, and more. Protecting human rights, re-

gardless of any ongoing tension between Israelis and Palestinians, should be a fundamental American value.

Additionally, the original text of H. Res. 326—which I cosponsored—included a call for an "end to the occupation" of Palestinian territory. Unfortunately, this language was removed from the final version brought to the floor.

As an ally of Israel, the United States invests more than \$3 billion in aid to Israel annually, and H. Res. 326 reiterates U.S. support for this aid. Accordingly, I believe it is only appropriate that lawmakers voice their legitimate concerns with Israeli policies in a constructive way, as I have done throughout my time in Congress and will continue to do.

Unfortunately, recent rhetoric over U.S.-Israeli relations and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has devolved into a divisive—and even partisan—war of words. It is only through thoughtful, respectful, nuanced debate that Congress can productively contribute towards resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and addressing the legitimate needs of both peoples. The bottom line is it is critical that the U.S. pursue policies that will move Israelis and Palestinians towards a negotiated, two-state solution, and I will continue to push the Trump administration and Congress to do so.

HONORING MS. KIMMI LEWIS

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Colorado State Representative Kimmi Lewis of Las Animas, Colorado.

Kimmi was proud to serve her community in the Colorado House of Representatives, having represented the 64th district from 2016 until her passing on December 6, 2019. In this role, Kimmi was a champion for Colorado's farmers and ranchers, advocating for their needs and priorities as a member of the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee. She will be remembered as a treasured member of the community who worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Coloradans.

Beyond her service in the state legislature, Kimmi served as the President of the Trinidad/Las Animas County Republican Women's Club for the past thirty years. In 2007, she received the La Junta Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Award for her efforts to prevent the expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, and in 2009, she received the Southern Colorado Livestock Association Cattlewoman of the Year award in honor of her "dedication and lifetime commitment to our industry, community and our country."

Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Rep. Kimmi Lewis for all her contributions in service of Eastern Colorado and recognize the profound legacy that she leaves behind. It is an honor to celebrate her impact on our community and state.