

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. This could go on forever.

Of course not. I didn't make that assertion. Don't put it in my mouth.

My friend has every right, not only the President, but every citizen has the right to repair to the courts of the United States for redress of their grievances and the pressing of their case, period. The President has that right.

I never asserted that the President ought to be impeached on that basis, nor do I assert it now, nor do we assert it in our articles which have yet to be voted on, so we will see what they do on that vote.

But let me remind the gentleman and let me remind Mr. Speaker of the House, we had a vote in 2017, we had a vote in 2018, and we had a vote in 2019. Those votes were on whether or not we ought to move Articles of Impeachment forward to impeach the President of the United States. I voted "no" on each one of those votes. Over 60 percent of the Democrats voted "no" on each one, some higher, on each one of those votes in '17, '18, and '19.

So when you assert, Mr. Speaker, that somehow the Democrats were just frothing at the bit to impeach the President—I don't want to impeach this President. I wish this would pass from us. No one ran for Congress to impeach the President of the United States. But no one ought to shirk their responsibility.

I will tell you, Mr. Speaker, my belief is that there is not a single Republican in this House, not one, confronted with these facts against President Obama who wouldn't have voted to impeach President Obama—not one of the minority. I am convinced to my bones, and I have been here a long time and served with a lot of people, that not one of them would have voted against either one of these articles if President Obama had done the same fact pattern with the same evidence. Not one of the minority would have voted against one of these articles.

That is my view, Mr. Speaker, but we will see.

I said this morning, quoting the papers, that we are not whipping this. This is not about whipping some partisan vote. This is about each Member having to decide for themselves, with their conscience, with their moral values, and with their oath of office to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States, whether or not—and my friend quotes one witness, one constitutional expert. Three constitutional experts said, if you do not move forward on impeachment, effectively, the executive power will be unchecked and you will create a king, not a President.

Three times this Congress said: We are not going forward. But then, on July 25, a phone call occurred in which this President clearly said to an ally to whom we wanted to give \$391 million to defend himself and his people and his

country, but withheld because: I would like you to do me a favor.

That favor was not to help America, and that favor was not to clean up corruption, because he already had certified by his departments that they had met that criteria. It was, as the evidence is almost uncontroverted, to help him in the coming election and to undermine somebody he perceived to be one of his, if not the, principal opponent.

This is a heavy decision this Congress and this House will have to make, and each one of us will have to make it. Let us hope that each one of us makes it honestly and unrelated to politics or party, but related to patriotism and oath of office.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, just to keep the record clear, when the President made that phone call, the oft-misrepeated quote was this: "I would like you to do us a favor though because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine, they say CrowdStrike . . . I guess you have one of your wealthy people . . . The server, they say Ukraine has it. There are a lot of things that went on, the whole situation. I think you are surrounding yourself with some of the same people."

The President expressed some concern with what happened in 2016 and concern about what happened to our country. "I would like you to do us a favor," and then he said, "our country."

There is no mention of Joe Biden in there, no mention of him. It is about getting to the bottom of the corruption that we all know happened. We might not have all the answers we want. We sure would like to get those answers, but it happened. It happened under Barack Obama and Joe Biden's watch. For whatever reason, they didn't do enough to stop it.

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But when the gentleman asked if one of us would vote against Articles of Impeachment if it was President Obama, not one of us would have because we would have never brought these Articles of Impeachment. We didn't bring these kinds of Articles of Impeachment.

Again, I just listed one case, 6 years for Fast and Furious, where people died; Benghazi where people died, where we didn't get the answers we wanted, where the administration rebuffed, over and over again. But not one time did we bring Articles of Impeachment, because they were not impeachable offenses, just like there are no impeachable offenses here.

And so, we are proudly whipping against it because this is not the way to abuse Congress' power of impeachment, as one of those witnesses last week said.

In the call—some of the other witnesses, constitutional scholars, when

one of them tried to make fun of the son of the President of the United States, tried to bully and make fun of his name. Shameless. Shameless. It happened. To call that person a Presidential scholar or impartial, when some of those witnesses gave money to candidates running for President against President Trump, if that is the definition of impartial Presidential scholars, I think we all take their perception of whether or not this President should be removed from office a little bit differently than somebody who truly is impartial.

Even Professor Turley, who acknowledged that he didn't vote for President Trump, but said it would be abuse of Congress' power to move forward with impeachment because there are no impeachable offenses.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. The good news is they didn't bring impeachment against President Obama because he did nothing to warrant such an action. How proud I am of that.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

IN HONOR OF KALEB WATSON, CAMERON WALTERS, MOHAMMED HAITHAM—VICTIMS OF PENSACOLA SHOOTING

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with a grieving nation to honor the lives of three Navy sailors whose lives were tragically cut short in the heinous act of terrorism at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida.

Kaleb Watson of Coffee County, Alabama, and a recent graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy was 23 years old, and an aspiring pilot.

Mohammed Sameh Haitham was an all-star athlete and always anxious to help others. His 20th birthday would have been next week.

Cameron Walters of Richmond Hill, Georgia, was 21 and hoped to become an airman. According to Cameron's father, nothing made him prouder than to be able to wear the uniform of a United States sailor.

When confronted with the mortal threat of an active shooter, these sailors charged the gunman, an action that is credited with saving countless lives.

Mr. Speaker, Naval Station Great Lakes is in my district. Each year, more than 40,000 pass through Great Lakes to become sailors in the United States Navy. Cameron Walters and Mo Haitham were two such sailors.

The men and women who hear the call to duty and volunteer to wear the cloth of our Nation are role models for all of us. Let us take this time to recognize their commitment and let us commit as a Nation to ensure the heroic sacrifices of Kaleb Watson, Cameron Walters, and Mohammed Haitham will never be forgotten.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2333. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention coordinators, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights:

Gail Heriot from California.

SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT—100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Scotts Bluff National Monument's official designation.

Having grown up in Gering, Nebraska, I am proud of the monument and the uniquely American story of the role it played in our westward migration. As one of the highest points in Nebraska, dominating the landscape, it stood as an unmistakable part of the Oregon Trail. When I look at the monument, I can't help but think of the brave pioneers of the Oregon Trail.

Stunning sights and Oregon Trail landmarks, such as Scotts Bluff Monument, must have been a source of awe on the arduous journey west. It had to have served as motivation to keep going and a relief to know they were well on their way.

Scotts Bluff was named for Hiram Scott, a fur trader who died nearby in 1828. Just as the monument's name comes from early economic activity in our region, the monument is still important to our regional economy, drawing 150,000 people from across America and around the world each and every year.

I thank the great folks who dedicate their time and hard work to keep the park in great condition so others may enjoy it for generations to come. It is with great pleasure I join with all Nebraskans to celebrate the centennial of this Oregon Trail icon.

STARFISH EQUINE RESCUE

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a nonprofit organization in my district providing a home

and a future for horses who have experienced abuse and neglect. Starfish Equine Rescue works to rehabilitate and ultimately adopt unwanted, abused, and neglected horses.

Since 2012, this organization has been rescuing horses from the most deplorable conditions and giving them a second chance at life. Starfish Equine Rescue works hard to bring these horses back to health and identify caring and supportive homes in south Jersey and in surrounding states.

In addition to rescuing horses from abuse and neglect, Starfish Equine rescues horses that were slated for slaughter and are saved. And this is a practice that I have joined with Representative SCHAKOWSKY and other House colleagues in opposing under H.R. 961, which I hope someday will be the law of the land.

The volunteers at Starfish and the adoptive homes of these once vulnerable horses have provided a great service to south Jersey and into the future. We are proud of them. May God bless them.

IN RECOGNITION OF BO BIGGS OF LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to recognize my friend, Mr. Bo Biggs of Lumberton, North Carolina, on the occasion of his ascension to the chairmanship of the Golden LEAF Foundation, and in doing so, to acknowledge the significance to North Carolina of the organization he now leads.

Bo is an indefatigable servant of his community and state in business, professional, and civic leadership. Bo's life of service includes Antioch Baptist Church of Lumberton, the Lumberton Rotary Club, of which he is past president, the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce, the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, the FreeEnterprise Foundation, the Retail Merchants Association, and still others.

Time and again, Bo has invested himself in the State of North Carolina and its citizens, and that is why I am honored to recognize his new role with an organization that is committed to the same. I have seen firsthand the impact of Golden LEAF in North Carolina. It promotes cutting edge agriculture, creates new jobs, and provides scholarships for future leaders.

The Golden LEAF Foundation has a 20-year history of investing in Carolinians with over 60,000 jobs created, \$624 million in new payroll stimulated in economically distressed areas.

IN MEMORY J. DOYLE CORMAN

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I rise to offer our condolences on the passing of former State representative J. Doyle Corman.

Senator Corman represented the 34th senatorial district, including areas within Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District from 1977 to 1998. While in the State Senate, Senator Corman championed lower taxes, transportation issues, local government, and reforming the State's welfare system.

More importantly, Senator Corman was a family man who prided himself on titles other than "senator." Titles like: Public servant, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather. These titles are Senator Corman's lasting achievements. Even more so fitting, as an example for his son, Jake, who ran for and won his Senate seat following his father's retirement and has served as the Pennsylvania State Senate majority leader for the last three legislative sessions.

A family man, community servant, and friend—that is the legacy of Senator J. Doyle Corman.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I again send our heartfelt condolences to the Corman family for the loss of such a great figure and public servant.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STATE SENATOR CORMAN

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Pennsylvania State Senator J. Doyle Corman, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 8, at the age of 87. Doyle leaves behind his wife, Becky, with whom he raised five children. He was the proud grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A Bellefonte native, Doyle faithfully served the people of Centre County for more than 20 years as State Senator, and 10 years prior to that as county commissioner. He was a man of principle, deeply committed to service and the betterment of his community. He left his mark on Harrisburg by championing critical transportation legislation, helping to make Pennsylvania a safer, more connected Commonwealth.

I can attribute Doyle's mentorship to where I am today, as he convinced me, in 2002, to follow in his footsteps to run for Centre County Republican Party chairman. Through the outpouring support from fellow Pennsylvanians, it is clear Doyle will be sorely missed but his legacy not soon forgotten.

I offer my prayers and deepest condolences to Becky and the entire Corman family.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1