

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ENSIGN JOSHUA KALEB
WATSON

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifices of Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson, who was tragically killed on December 6, 2019, at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida.

Born and raised in Enterprise, Alabama, Kaleb was a natural leader and devoted servant to his community from an early age. Inspired by his uncle's service in the Gulf War, Kaleb knew at a very early age since childhood that he wanted to serve his country in the military.

Kaleb continued to demonstrate his leadership skills at Enterprise High School, where he participated in JROTC, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and captain of the rifle team. It was through his experience on the rifle team that he learned of the opportunities at the United States Naval Academy. Kaleb was accepted to attend the prestigious Naval Academy upon graduating from high school in 2014. Kaleb continued to serve his hometown community after graduation by volunteering his time to the rifle team during school breaks.

At the Naval Academy, Kaleb set his sights on becoming a Navy pilot, and he excelled. A dedicated student, Kaleb majored in mechanical engineering and was named to the Dean's list and Commandant's Honors list. Outside of the classroom, he was a member of the Academy's rifle team, served as a wrestling coach, and was a small-arms instructor. Under his leadership as captain of the rifle team, the Naval Academy won its first victory over West Point in a decade.

After commissioning, Kaleb served a temporary assignment at the Naval Academy's Physical Education department until last month, when he reported to Pensacola to begin flight training. On December 6, Kaleb made the ultimate sacrifice for his country when an active shooter opened fire at the Naval Air Station. Without hesitation, Kaleb sprang into action. After being wounded himself, Kaleb was able to locate first responders to identify the shooter, undoubtedly preventing many more casualties that day.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join the people of Alabama's Second Congressional District, the Enterprise community, and the Watson family to honor Kaleb today. He is remembered by his peers and many others as a kind friend, encouraging teammate, and generous volunteer. Kaleb died a hero, and his courageous actions and service to this nation will not soon be forgotten as we continue to share his story of selflessness and valor. May God bless his family and community as we mourn the loss of Joshua Kaleb Watson, and may God bless all of our military members who continue to defend and protect the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING DYLAN M. GOETSCH
AND CHRISTOPHER W. SCHMOKER

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dylan M. Goetsch and Christopher W. Schmoker for their tremendous courage last year while saving a citizen from a house fire in Sturgis, South Dakota.

After arriving at the scene of a burning home in May 2018, police Officer Dylan Goetsch and Sgt. Christopher Schmoker rushed into the house without hesitation, knowing Jason McKee was trapped inside. They journeyed to the upper level of the home not once, not twice, but three times in search of the trapped man. The smoke was so dense, Officer Goetsch was unable to see more than a few feet in front of him, but they did not retreat until they were able to drag Mr. McKee to safety.

I was pleased to hear Officer Goetsch and Sgt. Schmoker are being awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund in honor of their bravery. This award is reserved for individuals who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree in the attempt to save the lives of others. I can think of no citizens more deserving of this award than Officer Goetsch and Sgt. Schmoker.

I thank both these South Dakotans for their selfless courage. Our state and country are better because of citizens like them. I commend them for their outstanding heroism and congratulate them on the receipt of the esteemed Carnegie Medal.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Bennettsville, South Carolina and its 200th Anniversary.

The City of Bennettsville was founded on December 14, 1819 in Marlborough District on the Great Pee Dee River. Named after Thomas Bennett Jr., the 48th Governor of South Carolina, the city was formally chartered on December 20, 1866 and incorporated on March 4, 1976.

Since its founding, agriculture has been the number one revenue source in and around Bennettsville. Agricultural products of Bennettsville include grain, indigo, cotton, tobacco, corn, peanuts, timber, fruits and vegetables, as well as the raising of cattle, poultry,

and swine. Agritourism and agritainment have evolved from the stable agriculture industry.

Upon its founding, the South Carolina General Assembly authorized the construction of a new courthouse, designed by South Carolina architect Robert Mills. The Mills courthouse was replaced in 1852. The following courthouse was headquarters of the 17th Army Corps of the Army of the United States and one of the few county seats holding records dating back to 1785. The current courthouse was built in 1884.

Madam Speaker, I honor all that have worked to make the City of Bennettsville a symbol of American grace and charm and recognize its 200th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATING DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dublin High School Fighting Irish on winning the Georgia High School Association 2A Football State Championship.

These young men have worked hard all season, and this weekend's big win is a result of all their work. While at halftime the Fighting Irish were down, they quickly came back in the second half to ultimately defeat Brooks County 42 to 32—demonstrating the true meaning of perseverance.

This was a unique win, as not one pass was attempted during the game. But the team won after rushing 437 yards, bringing Dublin its first state title since 2006.

I have no doubt this program will continue to be successful in the years to come, and I look forward to seeing all these young men will accomplish, both on and off the field.

Congratulations to Coach Roger Holmes, the team, and the entire Fighting Irish community.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY LIFE AND SERVICE OF MAYOR RICHARD GORDON HATCHER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness and the greatest respect that I take this time to remember one of Indiana's most distinguished citizens, the Honorable Richard Gordon Hatcher, who served the City of Gary with the utmost distinction. On Friday, December 13, 2019, Mayor Hatcher passed away at the age of 86. Mayor Hatcher's selfless and lifelong commitment to serving the people of Gary, and his dedication to the

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cause of civil rights and advancing racial equality in all of our communities and throughout the nation, is to be admired and emulated. He will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, co-workers, and the many grateful constituents whose lives he touched.

Richard Hatcher was born on July 10, 1933, in Michigan City, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University and went on to earn his Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University in 1959. Following law school, Mayor Hatcher settled in Gary, Indiana. He practiced at a private firm and went on to serve as a deputy county prosecutor. In 1963, Mayor Hatcher was elected to the Gary City Council. In this position, he helped to pass an open housing law, which ended the practice that forced African Americans to live primarily in the city's midtown section due to restrictive property contracts. In 1967, Richard Gordon Hatcher was elected Mayor of Gary, Indiana, and in doing so became one of the first two African Americans in our nation's history to become mayor of a large city.

Throughout his twenty-year tenure, Mayor Hatcher was unwavering and passionate in his efforts to advocate for civil rights, economic justice, and equality for all Gary residents and citizens of the United States. In particular, Mayor Hatcher devoted substantial efforts to supporting those most in need in his city. For example, he was successful in securing funding for low-cost and public housing in Gary, and he worked to enhance the availability of job training so that every citizen could have the opportunity to meet their own potential and provide for their family. In addition, Mayor Hatcher repaved Gary roads, brought garbage collection services to inner-city neighborhoods for the first time, and oversaw the construction and completion of major projects such as the Genesis Convention Center and the Adam J. Benjamin Transportation Center. On the national front, Mayor Hatcher rose to serve as a political trailblazer for the African American community. He was instrumental in organizing the 1972 National Black Political Convention in Gary, and he also served as chairman of Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign in 1984, as well as his vice chairman four years later. Mayor Hatcher's contributions to the City of Gary, throughout Northwest Indiana, and beyond are remarkable and immeasurable, and he is to be honored and commended for his tireless action.

Mayor Hatcher is survived by his amazing wife, Ruthellyn, three beloved daughters, Ragen, Rachelle, and Renee, and six beautiful grandchildren. He also leaves to cherish his memory many dear friends and family members and a saddened but grateful community.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to a true public servant, Mayor Richard Gordon Hatcher. For his tremendous contributions to the cause of civil rights, and for his dedication to the City of Gary and the community of Northwest Indiana, Mayor Hatcher is worthy of the highest praise. I thank him for his perseverance, sacrifice, and struggle. His legacy will serve as a timeless inspiration for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE IRWIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Irwin County High School football team from Ocilla, Georgia on their win against Marion County in the Class A Georgia State Championship on Saturday, December 14, 2019.

With an impressive 56–14 win over the Marion County Eagles, the Indians football team finished their season undefeated (13–0) for the first time since 1975 and brought home the state title. This is the fifth time in six seasons that Head Coach Buddy Nobles has led the Indians to the state finals, all while battling Stage 4 stomach cancer. He called this team a “team of destiny” and there is no doubt his leadership and fighting spirit inspired Irwin County to bring home another state football title to Georgia's Eighth Congressional District.

I want to congratulate the Indians, Coach Nobles, and the entire football and athletics staff at Irwin County High School for this accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN POLICING

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate four law enforcement officers of the Prince William County Police Department who have been awarded the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing by the United States Department of Justice. These officers have been selected by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for their bravery and commitment to service. Only 19 law enforcement professionals from across the country have been selected to receive this award this year, and to be recognized by the Department of Justice is a distinct honor that brings pride to the Prince William County Police Department and the communities that these officers protect.

Throughout their careers, these officers have bravely placed themselves in the line of danger. It takes a tremendous amount of courage and character to step into high-risk situations, qualities that these honorees exhibit in abundance. In November of 2018, the Prince William County Police Department received an emergency call reporting an active shooter. Upon arriving to the scene, these officers took immediate action to warn incoming units while taking cover from gunfire. The shooter, who was on the roof, ignored commands to surrender and was eventually struck and fell to the ground. Overcoming their fear of a possible second gunman, the officers exposed themselves to extract the shooter for medical treatment and also pulled a civilian from a residence to safety. The bravery and heroism displayed that day represents true courage and went far above and beyond the line of duty.

It is my honor to recognize the following recipients of the Third Annual Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing:

Officer Evan Jurgenson
Officer Nicholas Kelly
Officer Rachel Mynier
Officer John Yenchak

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me once again in honoring these individuals for their bravery and dedication and in thanking them for their selfless service. The importance of their vital roles in protecting the safety of our neighborhoods cannot be overstated and is truly worthy of our highest praise.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WILLIAM H. LEE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of beloved Sacramento Observer founder and publisher, Dr. William Hanford Lee, who passed away on September 22, 2019 at the age of 83. His legacy will live on through the love of his family and friends, as well as the Sacramento Observer, a lighthouse for Sacramento's African-American community. Dr. Lee was blessed with the support of his family, his wife Kathryn (deceased) and sons, Larry, Billy and Roderick (deceased).

Dr. William Lee was born on May 29, 1936 in Austin, Texas. In the early 1940's, Dr. Lee moved to the Sacramento neighborhood of Del Paso Heights. As a young adult, he attended California State University, Sacramento and later transferred to University of California, Berkeley, where he received his B.A. in Accounting. His brief employment with real-estate companies Aerojet and IBM Corporations inspired Dr. Lee to establish his own real-estate and land development company in 1960. His success in real estate allowed for the establishment of The Sacramento Observer on November 22, 1962, marking the beginning of a revolution in journalism.

Several momentous achievements outline Dr. Lee's career: he was awarded an Honorary Ph.D. from Southeastern University in 1970, he was named “Publisher of the Year” by the West Coast Black Publisher's Association in 1985, his newspaper has been named No.1 Black Newspaper six times, and he was awarded the John B. Russwurm trophy, the United States' top newspaper publishing honor. Additionally, he was co-founder and former President of the Men's Civic League, co-founder of The Greater Sacramento Urban League, and co-founder of the Sacramento Area Black Caucus. Nationally, Dr. Lee served on the Board of Directors and as an officer for the National Newspapers Publisher's Association, the Black Press of America, and co-founded the West Coast Black Publisher's Association. These incredible achievements and roles certainly signify just how powerful William Lee's presence was in the Sacramento region, in California, and in our nation.

Madam Speaker, today we honor Dr. William Hanford Lee's generous contributions to journalism and education; he has been a mentor, an advocate, and a leader—both locally and nationally. His efforts in providing representation for the African-American community will be remembered for a life-time.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would permit commercial filming and photography on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol, beyond east of Union Square, the only area where such filming is currently authorized. This bill would permit commercial filming and photography outside of the Capitol and congressional office buildings by permit, so long as both the House and Senate are not in session. In many countries worldwide, freedom of expression is limited. Our country should be the first to encourage commercial filming and photography of the Capitol, a symbol of U.S. democracy at work. Commercial filmmakers should not have to go to other cities or fake capitol buildings for movies and films about the Capitol.

The current policy permitting filming near the United States Botanic Garden shows that Capitol Police can handle filmmaking on Capitol grounds, especially when Congress is not in session, as my bill would provide. However, filming from that vantage point captures the least familiar view of the Capitol. Keeping filmmakers from standing in front of the Capitol is neither business-friendly nor true to the nation's democratic traditions. Encouraging commercial filming and photography at the Capitol would help spread the story of our national legislature around the world. The time is overdue to allow commercial filming and photography of the exterior of the historic 19th-century Capitol.

There is no good reason why commercial filming and photography should be confined to Union Square. Specifically, my bill would give Capitol Police complete discretion to issue a permit authorizing commercial filming and photography under the same conditions as those in Union Square. No policy or security reason exists to justify limiting commercial filming and photography of the Capitol complex to only one location, Union Square, especially considering that permits are necessary. Visitors are regularly seen on East Capitol Street (east of 2nd Street) taking pictures, where they get a full view of the Capitol building, demonstrating the arbitrary nature of limiting commercial filming and photography to Union Square.

This bill would also provide Capitol Police the authority to charge fees to cover any costs incurred by the Architect of the Capitol resulting from permit approval, to be deposited into the Capitol Trust Account. The Capitol Trust Account was established to accept proceeds from any fees collected for commercial filming and photography permits for Union Square. Amounts in the Capitol Trust Account would be available without fiscal year limitation for maintenance, improvements and projects as the Architect of the Capitol considers appropriate, subject to the approval of the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate.

Views of the Capitol are among America's most iconic. Limiting commercial filming and photography of the Capitol, an important vehicle for telling the nation's story, does not serve

the American people. Indeed, most of the world reveres our system of government largely through commercial films and photos of the Capitol, a symbol of our democracy at work. Commercial films and photographs of the Capitol, the seat of our democracy, are perhaps the best modern vehicles for telling the nation's story and showcasing its democratic system of government. Republicans and Democrats alike revere the image of the Capitol as a symbol of patriotism. My bill would enable appropriate, permitted commercial filming and photography of the Capitol, and would create economic benefits for the nation, the District of Columbia, and private business.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IP PROVISIONS FALLING SHORT IN USMCA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, despite the new provisions intended to protect working families and support various industries in the USMCA, there is one very important group that has been left behind—authors, artists, and other creators.

America's arts and entertainment industry is an important economic engine, with motion pictures and television alone accounting for \$17.2 billion in annual U.S. exports, representing 2.5 times the level of imports. It's also an important medium to share and celebrate American history, values and culture with the world, to lift up overlooked stories, and to bring us together. So, it is unfortunate that the USMCA includes a provision that makes it harder for working families in this industry to make a fair return on their work.

That provision is Article 20.89 (Legal Remedies and Safe Harbors). Article 20.89 (Legal Remedies and Safe Harbors) should be excluded from future trade deals. It potentially allows online service providers to profit from copyright infringement to which they turn a blind eye. Article 20.89 is styled after Section 512 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) known as the copyright safe harbor provision.

Section 512 of DMCA became law in 1998, and to some, it seemed a good idea at the time—a way to help an infant industry grow. But after several bad court cases and technological advances, Section 512 minimizes the responsibility of the big internet platforms to cooperate with rights holders to protect their livelihoods. That infant industry is now one of the world's biggest. And Section 512 undermines creative professionals instead of supporting them and enriches the big internet platforms at the expense of competitors who do not enjoy the same loophole.

Today, the web consists of more than 6 billion pages, and on a high-speed connection, it takes less than a minute to download a high definition movie. Illegal streaming, illegal downloading, and other forms of online piracy cost an estimated \$29.2 billion and \$71.0 billion annually to the U.S. economy. Our trade agreements should help us combat international copyright theft instead of locking in a giant loophole that tilts the playing field against creative professionals.

Section 512 has been under review by the Copyright Office since 2015, with a report expected soon.

Congress should insist that Section 512-style rules should be omitted from future trade deals.

IMPEACHING DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

STATEMENT FOR RECORD ON IMPEACHMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, while none of us came to Congress to impeach a president, the evidence against Donald Trump has become abundantly clear. The president used the power of his office to solicit foreign interference from Ukraine into our elections, he attempted to withhold congressionally approved military aid to advance that request and he undermined our national security, all for his personal political benefit. Moreover, he directed his administration to defy congressional subpoenas to try to obstruct our investigation into his wrongdoing.

These actions run counter to the oath that presidents make to uphold our Constitution. These actions are a direct threat to the security of our democracy.

When I joined the Marine Corps, I swore an oath to our nation. As a member of Congress, I made that promise again. I will vote to impeach because all of us who hold public office take an oath to defend the Constitution—the president has abused this responsibility, but I refuse to do the same.

December 18, 2019 will be remembered as a serious and somber day in the U.S. House, but it is also a day where my colleagues and I made good on our oaths to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

COMMENDING KURT ERICKSON FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH WRAP

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend, Kurt Erickson, and to commend him for his 20 years of service with the Washington Regional Alcohol Project (WRAP) and his dedication to the elimination of impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington metropolitan area.

WRAP is a public-private partnership that works with law enforcement, community stakeholders, and advocacy groups in Northern Virginia, Washington, DC, and Maryland. Kurt serves as President and CEO of WRAP and it is not an exaggeration to say that he is the driving force of the program. For two decades,

he has spearheaded public and government relations efforts in the DMV area. Kurt has been named Legislative Chairman of the Maryland Impaired Driving Coalition, an appointee by the Governor to the Virginia's Task Force to Combat the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol and has served on multiple boards and associations.

Among his many duties, Kurt oversees the SoberRide Program which provides free and discounted rides home during the holidays. This program is considered one of the most successful programs of its kind in the nation. Kurt has Chaired the Checkpoint Strikeforce for the last 18 years, working with local and state law enforcement to get impaired drivers off the roads. WRAP also has aggressive outreach programs for adults as well as youth and provides multi-media presentations and school resource guides.

In recognition of his years of service and dedication, Kurt has received numerous awards including the 2014 Kevin Quinlan Award, the 2008 Metropolitan Police Department's Chief of Police Special Award, the MADD—Chesapeake Region Community Champion Award, and the National Highway Safety Administration's Public Service Award. Under his leadership, WRAP has also earned multiple honors including the 2019 Peter O'Rourke Special Achievement Award from the Governors Highway Safety Association and the Virginia Governor's Transportation Safety Award.

While Kurt has been publicly lauded by local, state, and national organizations and received many awards, I believe that his most precious possession is the knowledge of the countless people who have been kept safe and the tragedies that have been prevented through his efforts. Since its inception in 1991, nearly 79,000 safe rides home have been provided by SoberRide, the vast majority occurring during Kurt's tenure. It is not possible to know how many possible injuries or deaths have been prevented, but these unknown potential victims all owe a deep debt of gratitude to Kurt and WRAP.

Madam Speaker, for two decades Kurt Erickson has played an integral role in the effort to eliminate impaired driving and underage drinking. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kurt on his 20th Anniversary with WRAP and in thanking him for his tireless advocacy and unending efforts to keep our roads and our residents safe.

RECOGNIZING JAKE AND TIFFANY SACHE OF LAKE CITY

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jake and Tiffany Sache of Levy County, Florida for their dedication to the agriculture industry.

Jake and Tiffany raise beef cattle and harvest hay and grass seed on several farms throughout Levy and Gilchrist counties. They understand the importance of land conservation and have been recognized on numerous occasions for their outstanding conservation practices on their farm land.

Their commitment to agriculture production extends beyond their farm and into the com-

munity, where this couple serves in multiple capacities. They are active in their local County Farm Bureau organization and serve as members of the Levy-Gilchrist County Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee.

During Florida Farm Bureau's annual meeting this past October, they received the highest statewide honor for agriculture producers known as the Achievement in Agriculture Award. This honor is given to those who are not only skillful in farm production, but have also successfully developed their agricultural enterprise and extensively serve their local community and Farm Bureau.

Agriculture sustains our economic growth, promotes environmental stewardship, and continuously replenishes our food resources. I encourage you to thank a farmer whenever given the opportunity. I thank Jake and Tiffany Sache for choosing a career path and lifestyle that sustains our economy and puts food on the table.

SMALL AIRPORT MOTHERS' ROOMS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 16, 2019

Mrs. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask for support for my bill, H.R. 3362, the Small Airport Mothers' Room Act of 2019.

Travelling with infants, while rewarding, can often be stressful on new mothers. This legislation helps lessen this anxiety and allows for mothers to have a quiet, private space to care for their young ones.

As air travel continues to be one of the most preferred and popular means of transportation, we need to make sure that airport infrastructure is properly updated to fit not only the needs of American mothers but American families as well.

H.R. 3362 would require small hub airports to construct mothers' rooms, which are areas where mothers can nurse their children in privacy.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 required all large and medium hub airports to construct mothers' rooms by 2021. My bill would help fill the remaining gap and similarly require small hub airports to install mothers' room, extending this coverage to 97 percent of all travelers.

Thank you to Chairman DEFAZIO, Ranking Member GRAVES and my colleagues on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for their support on my bill.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the T&I Committee staff for their assistance with this legislation.

I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 3362.

HONORING SARAH E. NAKATA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my Carmel District Office

intern, Sarah E. Nakata for her work and service to the citizens of the 5th District of Indiana. Sarah has the spirit of a giver, the strength of a fighter and a heart of gold. She truly is an inspiration to all of us and I am proud to have her as a part of my team. The first time I met Sarah, I was presenting her an offer of appointment to the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point during my second year as a Member of Congress in 2014. Her dream was to serve our nation in the United States Army and on that day, her dream became a reality.

While Sarah attended high school at Covenant Christian in Indianapolis, she thrived inside and outside of the classroom both academically and athletically. She was a part of the Rifle Team, Rocket Team, Math Club, a member of the National Honor Society, attended NASA Explorer School and participated in band and pep band. Sarah was a tutor for English, Math, Science, and Spanish, all while volunteering her time at English as a Second Language classes as well as at the National Rifle Association's National Rifle Matches. She graduated high school with a 4.3 GPA and ranked first in her graduating class. She had a love for science, space, and mathematics but her true passion was rifle shooting.

While on the Rifle Team at Covenant Christian High School, Sarah earned nine state titles, three national junior titles and served as a team captain. She was an Indiana Rifle State Champion in 2011 and 2012 through the Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association. She joined the USA Shooting Team and was a National Junior Olympic Rifle Championship qualifier and participant in 2012 and 2013. Sarah was named the National Metric Grand Aggregate Prone and Position Intermediate Junior Champion in 2012 by the National Rifle Association and was National Metric Iron Sight Position Junior Champion in 2013. These achievements caught the attention of multiple colleges and educational institutions, including the United States Military Academy at West Point. Sarah was recruited for her skills in rifle shooting and received a Letter of Assurance from the academy. The last thing she needed in order to attend was a congressional or presidential nomination.

As she was finishing her time at Covenant Christian High School, Sarah started the application process to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point through my office. As many know, it is no easy feat to be accepted into an academy and it takes hard work, dedication and commitment, which is exactly what Sarah had. These academies have the best and brightest students and Sarah was among those ranks. In the spring of 2014, Sarah received a congressional nomination from my office and on May 1, 2014, I presented her with an offer of appointment. Sarah reported to duty as a cadet at West Point in June of 2014 to begin her Plebe year.

During the summer between Sarah's sophomore and junior year in June of 2016, she began to have abdominal pains and severe nausea while participating in summer training. Several days passed and Sarah continued to feel sick, was unable to digest food, and developed chronic dehydration. She was flown to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Sarah was diagnosed with severe gastroparesis, preventing her stomach from appropriately digesting food. A

year passed, Sarah's condition had not improved, and the United States Army medically separated her.

I learned of Sarah's condition and I knew her dreams of attending the United States Military Academy at West Point and serving in the Army had come to a close. I reached out to her in late 2017 and offered her an internship in my Carmel District Office and she joined my team in January of 2018. Despite all Sarah has been through, her spirit, smile and laughter lifts up my team each and every day she is in the office. After years of testing, hospital visits, surgeries and medications, Sarah and medical professionals still do not have a full understanding of her illness, symptoms or a pathway for treatment, recovery or for a cure.

Sarah is resilient and strong. I know her illness will not hold her back from accomplishing her new goals and striving for her dreams. Sarah has taught us all to not let the little things bother you, as you never know where life will take you. Life is precious and Sarah is a true inspiration to all of us. She will go on to do many great things after her internship ends and I thank her for her service to the residents of the 5th District of Indiana and to our country. It is with immense hope and great optimism that we look forward to watching Sarah embark on her future endeavors, with her parents Heidi and David by her side.

APPROPRIATIONS BILLS FOR FY
2020, H.R. 1865 AND H.R. 1158

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, this week the House passed two bills that will fund the federal government through Fiscal Year (FY) 2020.

The first package, which I voted in support of, includes a number of provisions which I strongly support.

First, I am proud to have worked in conjunction with Senators MERKLEY and WYDEN as well as Rep. SCHRADER to ensure that this package forgives a multi-million-dollar interest burden owed by Oregon's Pacific groundfish fisheries. This burden was created solely by bureaucratic incompetence, and the inclusion of this provision is a huge win for Oregonians.

The bill also increases funding for programs that hundreds of Oregonians depend upon, such as YouthBuild, JobCorps, and Senior Corps. I led the charge to secure an additional \$13 million above FY 2019 levels for the Senior Corps program, ensuring volunteers earn an increased stipend which will allow them to take hundreds of more dollars home a year. It also increases funding for Pell Grants—easing the way for more people to afford an education. It also included record investments for early childhood education programs, more funding for rural broadband, and a reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools program through 2020. In addition, it includes the highest funding level for the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 15 years.

The bill makes robust investments to support our nation's veterans, including funding for suicide prevention, homeless assistance programs, rural health initiatives, opioid abuse prevention, and funding for the VA's electronic

health record initiative to ensure our veterans get the care they have earned and deserve.

The package also includes \$25 million for gun violence research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—the first time in more than 20 years. The bill secures record-level funding for life-saving healthcare research at the NIH and CDC, and it extends funding for vital community health centers, the National Health Service Corps, and Teaching Health Centers.

Unfortunately, I am deeply disappointed that this bill included a provision that would extend market exclusivity rights to Big Pharma for certain medicines, allowing these companies to price-gouge consumers for longer periods of time without competition from more affordable, generic drugs.

The second appropriations bill also includes a number of provisions that I strongly support, including a 3.1 percent pay raise for both our men and women in uniform and federal civilian employees, as well as robust funding for the STOP School Violence Act, legislation that would give students and teachers the tools they need to help prevent school shootings. It includes increased investment in election security, the National Guard Youth Challenge, the National Science Foundation, and the Census Bureau, so that it can effectively and accurately carry out the 2020 Decennial Census.

I also led the fight to include funding for esophageal cancer research, which I am pleased to report was incorporated into the bill as part of \$110 million for the Department of Defense's Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP). I strongly support the robust funding included for numerous other defense health and cancer research programs as well.

Unfortunately, despite including provisions I strongly support, I voted against this second bill because it also contains several objectionable provisions.

For example, this bill once again increases funding for an already-bloated Pentagon budget, including a massive increase to the Pentagon's Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account—a fiscally irresponsible slush fund that is not counted in the budget, has no congressional oversight, and gives a blank check to fund endless wars that Congress hasn't authorized. For years, Congress has continued to increase the Pentagon's budget despite overwhelming evidence of its waste and abuse of taxpayer money. I believe this legislation could have made responsible cuts to our defense budget without jeopardizing the safety of our troops, preventing a pay increase, or undermining our national security.

I am also extremely disappointed that this final bill stripped out a repeal of the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force and a provision to block funding for the U.S.'s involvement in the Saudi-led coalition's involvement in Yemen's civil war—both of which were included in the House-passed defense appropriations bill earlier this year. This is yet another example of Congress abdicating its constitutional authority to finally put a stop to the endless wars that have cost countless lives and taxpayer money.

This legislation fails to effectively check the Department of Homeland Security's border policies and spending. The bill includes funding for President Trump's wasteful and ineffec-

tive border wall, lacks appropriate restrictions to prevent the Trump administration from raiding funds from other agencies to spend on immigration detention and the wall, and does virtually nothing to provide necessary oversight against enforcement-only immigration policies.

The Trump administration's policies have resulted in cruel family separations, record levels of detained immigrants, especially children, in cruel conditions, and the death of at least two dozen immigrants while in federal custody. Instead of enacting strong, enforceable oversight mechanisms, this bill largely maintains the status quo. That is unacceptable. Congress needs to be a check against the executive branch's authority.

For these reasons, I opposed this second appropriations package. I will continue to fight against Republican efforts to hand billions of dollars in taxpayer money to a bloated and wasteful Pentagon and work to rein in the Trump administration's cruel enforcement-only immigration agenda.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF
THE PI LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER
OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI
FRATERNITY, INC.'S 2019
ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 15th Anniversary of the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and to congratulate winners of this year's Pi Lambda Lambda Achievement Week Awards. The winners of this award exemplify the four founding principles of Omega Psi Phi. The contributions of these men and women have been influential to the communities of Prince William County.

The Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered in 2004 and supports their mission to help others in need. The chapter includes the communities of Prince William County, the City of Manassas, the City of Manassas Park, and Stafford County. Through their community activism, they sponsor a variety of initiatives to enrich their neighborhoods through educational and humanitarian activities. Each year, individuals who have made a significant impact are honored for their efforts. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Achievement Week Award recipients:

The Citizen of the Year Award: Francia Salguero

The Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award: Major Ahmad G. Andrews

The Founders Lifetime Achievement Award: Rev. (Dr.) Luke E. Torian

Superior Service Award: Albert Woods

Omega Man of the Year: Jeffrey W. Allen

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2019 Pi Lambda Lambda Achievement Week Award winners. These individuals all played a significant role in enriching our neighborhoods, serving as testament of the generosity of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. I thank them and all the members of the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter for their immense contributions to our community and wish them continued success.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE
USS PITTSBURGH (SSN-720)**HON. GUY RESCENTIALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legacy, veterans, and service members of the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720), a fast-attack Los Angeles Class Submarine. Next month, the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) will be decommissioned in Bremerton, Washington after 35 years of service in the United States Navy.

The USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) was laid down in April 1983 and commissioned in November 1985. In April 1991, the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) and USS *Louisville* (SSN-724) launched Tomahawk missiles against Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

Years later, in 2002, the ship departed for the Mediterranean Sea and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Retired Captain Mark Breor, then Commander of Submarine Squadron 2, stated of the submarine and crew, "USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) provided persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to the joint commanders. The products of these very successful and difficult missions were converted into a full array of sea-strike options, which included a 16 Tomahawk strike by USS *Pittsburgh*."

In November 2017, USS *Pittsburgh* completed its 1,000th dive, a milestone few submarines reach in service. Earlier this year, the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) returned to its homeport, Naval Submarine Base New London, after its final deployment.

The USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) is the fourth ship to bear the name of a great city that helped build America. Pittsburgh leads the nation in health care, technology innovation, and energy industries and dominates athletics with numerous professional championships. I am proud to represent southwestern Pennsylvania in Congress, and I am thankful for the service of these great sailors aboard the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720).

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of two articles of impeachment—one regarding abuse of power and one regarding obstruction of Congress—against President Trump.

I decided to support the President's impeachment after a judicious consideration of the facts established by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) and the House Committee on the Judiciary, as well as reflecting upon my constitutional responsibilities as a Member of Congress.

I would note that the constitutional remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors—such as

abuse of power—is impeachment. Regrettably, the President's severe misconduct with respect to Ukraine showed a complete disregard for our Constitution, our democratic system of government, and the security of our nation and our allies. The President left the House with little choice but to faithfully discharge its duty.

As the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, I believe that it is unconscionable that an American leader would use nearly \$400 million in military aid appropriated by Congress—and signed into law by the President himself—as leverage for personal gain.

There are fundamental reasons why U.S. law provided these desperately needed funds to Ukraine. I would emphasize that, in 2014, Russia invaded Ukraine and illegally annexed the Ukrainian territory of Crimea while Russian-backed separatist forces seized control of key cities in eastern Ukraine. The fighting in eastern Ukraine continues to this day and has killed more than 13,000 Ukrainians while forcibly displacing more than two million individuals.

Additionally, the impeachment reports issued by the HPSCI and the House Committee on the Judiciary present an irrefutable case that the President's behavior constituted an ongoing threat to a free and fair Presidential election in 2020.

Further, I believe that the President's refusal to comply with the impeachment inquiry is representative of his broader contempt for Congress and its constitutional role as a separate and coequal branch of government. Congress must continue to work diligently to protect and fully exert its complete range of constitutional prerogatives and maintain the balance of power that has existed for 231 years.

Finally, I would highlight that the administration's complete repudiation of constitutionally-prescribed legislative authorities stands in stark contrast to the courage and patriotism demonstrated by the whistleblower who filed a formal complaint with the Intelligence Community's Inspector General, as well as the public servants who testified before the House. These individuals deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

As the Senate moves forward with a trial to determine whether to convict the President of impeachable offenses, be assured that I will continue to work hard to address the pressing needs of our nation's citizens, from creating more opportunities for good-paying jobs to decreasing the cost of prescription drugs.

CONGRATULATING THE 2019
BISHOP GUILFOYLE FOOTBALL
TEAM**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the 2019 Bishop Guilfoyle Football Team on an outstanding season.

After a successful playoff bid, the team traveled to Hershey to compete in 2019 1 A State Championship game. Finishing the year with a 12-3 record, these student athletes should take pride in their hard-fought season.

The 2019 team includes Andrew Yanoshak, Konner Kiesewetter, Keegan Myrick, Dylan Conrad, Noah Ritchey, Dominic Yanoshak, Adam Chadbourne, Casey Smith, Deven Wyandt, Michael Lamb, Branden Wasser, Ryan Donoughe, Cooper Rother, Karson Kiesewetter, Anthony Cioffari, Vincent Cioffari, AJ Kilmartin, Ryan Negola, JT Johnston, Adrian Johnson, Collin Campbell, Sam Homan, Drew Abraham, Lucas Steinbugl, Patrick Reilly, Zach McCloskey, Dylan McNelly, Jorden McClure, Anthony Edwards, Ian Bennett, Connor Ebersole, Connor Stayer, Sante Bambocci, Cameron Maloney, Joe Meintel, Evan Himes, Colin Butler, Brendan Shaffer, Aidan Bender, Tyler Conigy, Jack Donoughe, Caleb Stevens, Brady Bithell, Reed Edwards, and Hayden Fox.

These students were coached by Justin Wheeler, Darren Elvey, Evan Imgrund, Patrick Irwin, Patrick Leamer, Joseph Thomas, and Gabe Walters.

The 2019 team joins a long legacy of Bishop Guilfoyle Football excellence. During the past six seasons, the Marauders have reached the State Championship game four times.

As a former captain of the Bishop Guilfoyle Football Team and a proud alumnus, I congratulate these students and their coaches on a successful season, and I wish them every continued success both on and off the field.

RECOGNIZING CHYANNE THOMAS
AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, this Holiday season, I am proud to recognize Chyanne Thomas, a postal worker from Vista, as my Constituent of the Month. Chyanne is a hero for two children, their families, and our entire community. Chyanne's vigilance while on her regular delivery route resulted in the identification of two children who had been reported missing. Her quick and caring response allowed these two local children to be safely reunited with their concerned families.

When Chyanne spotted Abby, a 15-year-old with autism, she sprang into action. She used the skills she had learned in a previous job working with children with disabilities to keep Abby calm and safe until police arrived. Two weeks later, Chyanne saw a missing 4-year-old girl alone during her route, and didn't hesitate to approach her and make sure she was okay until police and her parents arrived. Without Chyanne's awareness, compassion, and quick action, these two kids might still be missing.

While Chyanne's action to save those children is extraordinary, I also want to recognize the incredible pressure all postal workers and delivery drivers are under during the Holiday season. They endure exhausting hours, grueling weather, and much more to ensure that families have their gifts before the Holidays. Much of their work is taken for granted on a daily basis, but the Holidays would not be the same without their dedication, I am extremely grateful for their service.

I launched a Constituent of the Month to recognize individuals in the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to help their neighbors and support our community. I know

the families of those two missing children, as well as all families who are receiving Holiday packages, would agree that Chyanne is well-deserving of this recognition.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
DANIEL F. SCIURY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Daniel F. Sciury, 81, who passed away on Friday, December 13, 2019.

Daniel was the face of the labor movement in Stark County, having been president of the Hall of Fame Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, since 1984.

Mr. Sciury was born in 1938 to William and Stella Sciury. His father, William, arrived in the United States from Italy in 1910 as a teenager, and worked for 40 years as a roller grinder for Timken Roller Bearing Co. Daniel followed his father's legacy and held union leadership for more than 50 years.

Daniel was elected president of United Steelworkers Local 5260, representing workers at the now-closed Weber Dental Mfg., in 1967. He was a member of the American Federation of Musicians Local 111 and the Communication Workers of America and helped the Canton Ex-Newsboys Association charity raise money to buy needy children winter coats and clothing. In addition to fighting for the rights of workers, he also bravely served his country in Korea.

Mr. Sciury is survived by his children Daniel (Tracy) Sciury, Melissa (Scott) Baker, Krystina Sciury, four grandchildren; Frank and Vinny Sciury, Vivian and Margo Baker, sisters Isabel "Jeanne" Johnson, Rita (John) Prose, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Daniel was a strong voice in advocating for the rights of working people and I was very proud to have stood by his side. Daniel's leadership was respected by both Republicans and Democrats and his reputation went well beyond Stark County. Daniel's voice will certainly be missed. My deepest condolences go out to all whose lives were touched by Daniel.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH SEASON OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my fellow Representatives TROY BALDERSON (OH-12), CHERI BUSTOS (IL-17), DANNY DAVIS (IL-07), RODNEY DAVIS (IL-13), ANTHONY GONZALEZ (OH-16), BRIAN HIGGINS (NY-26), DAVID P. JOYCE (OH-14), MARCY KAPTUR (OH-09), ROBIN KELLY (IL-02), JOSEPH MORELLE (NY-25), GREG PENCE (IN-06), MIKE QUIGLEY (IL-05), BOBBY RUSH (IL-01), TIM RYAN (OH-13), STEVE STIVERS (OH-15), and MICHAEL R. TURNER (OH-10) to commemorate the 100th season of the National Football League. Our Congressional Districts include the 13 "Original Towns" from which

came the 14 charter teams that formed the American Professional Football Association, which would become the NFL.

During its inaugural 1920 season, the founding teams that competed in the new league included: the Akron Pros; Buffalo All-Americans; Canton Bulldogs; Decatur Staleys; Racine Cardinals; Chicago Tigers; Cleveland Tigers; Columbus Panhandles; Dayton Triangles; Hammond Pros; the Heralds (Detroit); Muncie Flyers; Rock Island Independents; and the Jeffersons (Rochester, N.Y.). Two years later, the new league was renamed the National Football League.

From its humble beginnings, the National Football League is now a preeminent sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states across the country. In the span of a century, the league has become intricately woven into the fabric of American life and the foremost steward of what is now known as "America's Game." The league's annual "Super Bowl" Championship is the single most-watched annual television event in the United States, bringing together individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds through a common enthusiasm for and appreciation of the game of football.

The two pillars of the NFL are football and community, which are demonstrated through the volunteerism and philanthropic efforts of players, owners, coaches and staff, including through programs and initiatives ranging from honoring our nation's veterans and servicemembers to promoting cancer awareness to encouraging youth to maintain active and healthy lifestyles. These efforts, both on and off the field, reflect the character, commitment, fortitude and teamwork that make our communities resilient and strong.

We, therefore, recognize the National Football League as a great sports league of the United States and congratulate the NFL for 100 seasons of uniting communities across the country, and look forward to another century of NFL football.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM E.
BOGAN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. William E. Bogan, who recently passed away at the young age of 74.

Mr. Bogan, known as Earle to friends, was born in Memphis, Tennessee in 1944 before moving to Higginson, Arkansas in 1993.

He quickly joined the Higginson Fire Department and served for nearly 20 years until his retirement in 2011.

Bogan served as Higginson Fire Chief and a City Council Member for numerous years.

Higginson's Community Building is being renamed the William E. Bogan Community Center by the Higginson City Council in honor of Mr. Bogan's service and leadership in the community.

His contributions to his community will not be forgotten. I extend my respect, affection and prayers to his wife Catherine, family, and friends.

HONORING MALCOLM W.
APPLEGATE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Malcolm W. Applegate, a titan of journalism in our nation. From the outset of his career on the sports beat at the Salina Journal in Salina, Kansas, to the end of his career as the President and General Manager of Indianapolis Newspapers Inc., and Publisher of the Indianapolis Star, Malcolm was considered by his peers to be the consummate "old school" journalist. Ever the prolific writer, Malcolm dedicated himself to delivering honest, informative and timely news to his readers at each stop along his storied career.

Malcolm was born on January 26, 1936 in Kansas City, Missouri, to parents Florence and Paul Applegate. Growing up in Wakeeney, Kansas, Malcolm attended Trego Community High School, spending many hours after school on the basketball and tennis courts, forging lifelong friendships, and sparking a love of sports. After the tragic death of his father Paul in 1954, Malcolm and his mother Florence relocated to Topeka, Kansas, to start life anew. Wanting to stay close to home Malcolm initially chose to attend Washburn University, to study journalism and compete as a member of both the basketball and tennis teams. Later transferring to Kansas University, Malcolm continued his study of journalism while serving as the Editor of the Daily Kansan. It was also during this time that Malcolm competed as a member of the Kansas men's varsity tennis team and joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Near the end of his time at Kansas University, Malcolm would reconnect with grade school friend Constance Eaton, a student at nearby Fort Hays State University. Their friendship would quickly blossom into a lifelong love affair. After they both graduated from their respective universities, they began their life together, getting married on July 12, 1959.

After earning a Master's Degree from the University of Iowa in 1961, Malcolm joined the faculty at Fort Hays State University. He later returned to Kansas University, this time as the Assistant Dean of the Journalism School. In 1969, Malcolm was offered the chance to join the well-respected Gannett Newspaper Company. He relocated to Rochester, New York with Connie, and their daughters, my very dear friends Kellie and Paula. Malcolm then began to rise up the ranks of Gannett which led to a number of opportunities.

In 1971, Malcolm became the Editor of the Ithaca Journal in Ithaca, New York. Later in 1975, he relocated to Lafayette, Indiana to become the Publisher of the Lafayette Journal & Courier, and the Regional Vice President of USA Today. Malcolm's next opportunity came with a move to Lansing, Michigan in 1986, where he would serve as both the Publisher of the Lansing State Journal and Vice President of USA Today.

In 1990, Malcolm and his family arrived at their final stop in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Malcolm served as the President and General Manager of Indianapolis Newspapers Inc., and as Publisher of the Indianapolis Star until his

retirement in 1998. Under his stewardship, he prepared the Indianapolis Star for the new digital era of news journalism, maintaining the paper's status as a beacon of journalistic integrity during this time of extreme transformation throughout the industry. Serving in these many leadership roles throughout the decades helped to mold Malcolm into one of the premier newspapermen in the United States. At every stop along his career, Malcolm was known for being both a mentor to young journalists, and a bonafide newsman, able to show the same dedication to the local news beat, that he showed when interviewing prominent national figures such as fellow Kansan Senator Bob Dole and others.

Upon his retirement, Malcolm maintained a role in the Indianapolis community as a dedicated philanthropist. His work with organizations such as Goodwill Industries, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the United Way of Central Indiana helped to improve the lives of many fellow citizens. Malcolm was also very involved with the Indianapolis 500 Festival, a volunteer organization that conducts civic events celebrating the Indianapolis 500. As a loyal Kansas Jayhawk alumni, Malcolm donated \$500,000 to create the Malcolm W. Applegate Distinguished Professorship in Editing Fund at Kansas University's School of Journalism in 2002.

Always the avid sportsman, Malcolm was often seen on the tennis courts of the community. As a lover of all sports, Malcolm took distinct pleasure in sharing his love of sports with his children and grandchildren, raising an impressive family of athletes. Known by his family as "the World's Biggest Kansas Jayhawk Fan", his daily wardrobe choices often included the school colors Crimson & Blue. Also an avid fan of both the Indianapolis Colts and Indiana Pacers, friends would often see him and his family in their season ticket seats ready to cheer the home team to a victory.

After many decades of service to both his readers and his fellow citizens, Malcolm passed away on October 20, 2019. Malcolm will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire national journalism community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Malcolm's wife Connie, their daughter Kellie Prusiecki, her husband Drew, grandchildren Katie and Adam, as well as their daughter Paula Quammen, her husband Ron, grandchildren Christopher and Matthew, and all who mourn his passing.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDY ANDERSON OF MEXICO BEACH

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andy Anderson who was called home to his Lord and Savior last month. Andy is known by many throughout the State of Florida for his political endeavors and accomplishments.

Four short months ago, he and his family packed up and moved to Mexico Beach where Andy inherited the role of City Manager. I had the honor and privilege of meeting Andy while he served in this position. He took his respon-

sibilities seriously by taking on one of the most devastated cities touched by Hurricane Michael. Andy knew the work that was cut out for him, but he was up for the challenge.

Mexico Beach and Bay County instantly knew that Andy belonged there, and everyone soon realized what a great person and public servant Andy was.

Prior to his service with Mexico Beach, Andy served as a City Councilman for the City of Palm Bay and as a County Commissioner for Brevard County. The entire State, along with Mexico Beach and the Anderson family, is now missing a remarkable man and our hearts go out to those lives that Andy has touched.

Andy Anderson was a truly incredible individual. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Mr. Andy Anderson.

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL ASSISTANT CHIEF LAURA QUATTLEBAUM

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize California Highway Patrol Assistant Chief Laura Quattlebaum for her years of service with the California Highway Patrol.

Every day, our first responders and public safety officers put their lives on the line to keep us safe. In our local communities, a shining example of that very selflessness and courage is California Highway Patrol Assistant Chief Laura Quattlebaum.

Assistant Chief Quattlebaum is an amazing woman, full of character and integrity. I am humbled to have worked alongside her in our community, and I am honored to call her my friend.

For more than 30 years, Assistant Chief Quattlebaum has served as a dedicated public officer for my constituents as well as countless other Californians. After graduating from the California Highway Patrol Academy, she went on to act as Public Information Officer for the City of Indio. From this critical position to her current role as California Highway Patrol Assistant Chief, she has answered the call many times to defend our public safety.

Throughout her career, Assistant Chief Quattlebaum has been recognized on numerous occasions for her outstanding work. As Lieutenant in the Indio Area, she received the Commissioner's Commendation for her leadership in Cultural Awareness and Racial Profiling training. Six years later, Assemblyman Brian Nestande awarded Assistant Chief Quattlebaum the 2013 Women of Distinction Award. Again in 2014, Assemblyman Manuel Perez presented her with the Woman of Year award in recognition of her service to the people of California.

Chief Quattlebaum is known to her colleagues as a hardworking and selfless leader. Her tireless commitment to bettering the lives of others is reflected in her incredible advocacy for those she serves alongside and for peace officers throughout the country. I have witnessed this dedication firsthand on multiple occasions, most notably, when we worked together to successfully double our nation's funding for mental health services for our local law enforcement agencies.

Assistant Chief Quattlebaum's career in public service is a true testament to her devotion to community, country, and public safety. Her unwavering dedication to the people of California is admirable.

After she retires from her position as California Highway Patrol Assistant Chief this year, I have no doubt that she will continue to positively impact our community as she mentors and prepares students at College of the Desert for a future in law enforcement.

I want to thank Assistant Chief Quattlebaum for her years of service and for all that she has done to keep our communities safe. On behalf of California's 36th Congressional District, I wish her a long, happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR DANIEL NASKE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Daniel Naske of the U.S. Air Force, upon his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2019 calendar year, Major Naske quickly became an integral part of my team, lending his expertise and experience as a senior pilot and U.S. Air Force Weapons Officer to guide and inform my work as Chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee within the House Armed Services Committee. Over this past year, Major Naske has worked closely with my personal staff and Readiness Subcommittee staff on the military's most pressing readiness challenges. He will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service.

Major Naske is a native of upstate New York and is a Distinguished Graduate from Clarkson University ROTC with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Arts in Military History from American Military University.

Major Naske began his flying career in 2009 and was first assigned as a pilot of the MC-12W reconnaissance aircraft. In 2011, Major Naske became qualified on the C-17A Globemaster III and became an Instructor Pilot in 2013. Additionally, he is a graduate of the esteemed U.S. Air Force Weapons School. Major Naske's exemplary U.S. Air Force career spans more than 2,400 hours in airlift and reconnaissance aircraft, and of that, 1,002 are in combat.

Major Naske and his wife, Caitlin, have two beautiful daughters, and his family continues to support him and his service to our nation.

This moment is bittersweet, as we are deeply saddened to lose such an essential member of our team. However, we are excited for what his career and future hold, knowing that he will be a force for good and continue to impact the lives of those around him, just as he did here.

Dan, know that you will always have a family here and we hope that one day your path leads you back to the Halls of Congress.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress and a grateful Nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Major Daniel Naske for his dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force, U.S. House of Representatives, and to our Nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES PROTECTION ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague, Representative GABBARD, in introducing our bill to protect one of the most unique and fragile environments on Earth, our Hawai'i, from devastating invasive species.

Invasive species pose an especially grave threat to Hawaii's unique ecosystems, natural resources and agricultural communities, in part due to Hawaii's unique geography. Hawai'i is the most isolated island chain and one of the most ecologically diverse places in the world. We are 2,282 miles from the Continental United States, 2,952 miles from Japan and 4,772 miles from Washington, D.C., with no other islands in close proximity. We have within our constrained borders ten of the thirteen world climate zones, with ecosystems ranging from desert to tropical, where plants and animals that found their way to Hawai'i evolved like nowhere else. A 2014 survey identified fully 9,975 endemic species in Hawai'i. These species include the Hawaiian scarlet honeycreeper, the 'i'iwi; the flowering evergreen; and the state bird of Hawai'i, the nēnē.

However, tragically, in large part due to invasive species, Hawai'i has become the endangered species and extinction capital of the world. Hawai'i currently has 503 species listed as endangered, more than any other state and almost half of the total endangered species nationwide. Many of these species are critically endangered and face an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild. Although we will never know the true number of species that have gone extinct in Hawai'i, best estimates are that in the last 200 years alone, 28 bird, 72 snail, 74 insect and 97 plant species have gone extinct.

As one particularly poignant example, earlier this year the Atlantic published an article, *The Last of Its Kind*, which chronicled the death of George the snail. He was the last *achatinella apexfulva*, a species of tree snail that is endemic to the island of O'ahu. This article calls attention to the alarming fact that snails in Hawai'i are disappearing at an alarming rate, perhaps faster any animal on Earth right now, victims of various factors in part linked to invasive species.

The threat to our state tree, the 'ōhi'a lehua, is also illustrative of our growing crisis. Used for poi boards and outrigger canoes, the 'ōhi'a lehua is important to Hawaiian culture and the islands' watersheds. As the first tree to grow in new Hawai'i lava flows, 'ōhi'a grows throughout the watershed creating new soil, stabilizing steep mountain ridges and comprises approximately 80 percent of Hawai'i's native forests. However, rapid 'ōhi'a death, or ROD, caused by an invasive fungal pathogen, kills 'ōhi'a trees quickly, and threatens the stability of Hawai'i's native forests. Since its discovery on the Big Island in 2014, ROD has spread to Kaua'i, Maui and O'ahu, and has killed hundreds of thousands of trees.

Hawai'i's unique circumstances also have given rise to one of our nation's most diverse and productive agricultural communities. With a year-round growing cycle, our crops have

ranged throughout our history from the highest quality sugar and pineapple and cattle to tropical specialty crops like fruit and cut flowers in the highest demand worldwide.

Yet it is exactly because these crops like our natural resources have adapted to Hawai'i's uniqueness that they are the most susceptible to devastation from external species against which they have no natural defenses. Invasive species have drastically impacted agriculture in Hawai'i, threatening some of the island's most valuable crops in the state's third-largest industry.

The coffee berry borer, which was discovered in Kona in 2010, now infects all of the coffee growing islands in Hawai'i, except Kaua'i. The coffee berry borer can cause yield losses of between 30 and 35 percent and affects the quality of the coffee beans, directly impacting the income of growers. Our failure to prevent coffee leaf rust from entering Hawai'i could leave one of Hawai'i's most iconic industries devastated.

Hawai'i's third most valuable crop, the macadamia nut, is under threat from the macadamia felted coccid. Macadamia felted coccid has been found in all of Hawai'i Island's macadamia growing regions. The felted coccid reduces macadamia tree output by draining nutrients from the tree. Invasive species coupled with increased rain led to a 22 percent decline in the macadamia nut harvest this year compared to last year.

Yet despite these incontrovertible and growing impacts of external species on Hawai'i's natural resources and economy, existing federal law leaves Hawai'i largely defenseless against increasingly destructive invasives. Imports by air and sea, the only means of inbound transportation to our island state, lack any effective regulation to screen out invasives. This is despite a fairly robust screening of exports from Hawai'i to the Continental United States to screen out invasives from Hawai'i viewed as harmful to mainland agriculture (invasives that, ironically, were invasives into Hawai'i to start with).

I sought to crack down on this lax regime to prevent and curb invasives with my introduction in 2005 of H.R. 3468, modeled after New Zealand and other isolated jurisdictions with then like now the most stringent invasive species prevention regimes in the world. Since the introduction of that bill, the threats from invasives have only grown. Since 2005, 195 invasive species have been introduced to Hawai'i. That is in addition to the roughly 5,000 invasive species that have been introduced to Hawai'i throughout its history.

Our bill, the Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act, will require the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with other federal departments and the State of Hawai'i, to conduct visual, x-ray and canine inspections, as appropriate, on person, baggage, cargo and any other article destined for direct movement to the State of Hawai'i. The inspections will search for high-risk invasive species and agricultural materials. The inspections will be conducted at airports, ports and postal sorting facilities prior to direct travel to the State of Hawai'i.

Our bill further requires APHIS to work with the State of Hawai'i to develop and publish a list of the high-risk invasive species and agricultural materials for the State of Hawai'i. It pays for these inspections by increasing Agri-

culture Quarantine Inspection fees to cover the full cost of inspection.

If we truly care about the threat that continued and escalating invasive species pose to one of the most invaluable and unique ecosystems on earth, in addition to our unique economy and way of life, then the stark reality is that this bill is what it will take. Again, it is not revolutionary when compared to other countries that have not only recognized this threat but actually done something about it. And it is certainly not revolutionary when compared to longstanding domestic restrictions on exports from Hawai'i, leading to the basic point that if these invasive species prevention requirements are good enough for the rest of the country and much of the world then they're good enough for Hawai'i.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful to this House for your understanding and careful consideration of Hawai'i's challenge and opportunity, and ask for our bill's expeditious passage. Thank you (Mahalo).

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SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I am the only member of Congress who has voted to open impeachment inquiries against Presidents William J. Clinton and Donald J. Trump, a Democrat and a Republican.

Since then, I have voted to hold attorneys general of both parties in contempt for obstructing legitimate congressional inquiries.

One of the most important roles for Congress to perform is acting as a coequal branch of government, holding the executive branch accountable to the rule of law and the Constitution.

No one comes to Congress to impeach a president. I have always said it should be a last resort. I know impeachment is inherently divisive and brutal. The first casualty is usually the facts. I took an oath of office, not to any political party or person, but to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. Congress is the only institution in our democracy that can hold a president accountable.

The House opened an inquiry after learning of a whistleblower complaint alleging that the president actively coerced Ukraine to meddle in our elections.

This complaint came from a nonpartisan intelligence officer working in the White House. By law, the report had to be turned over to Congress to be investigated.

As a formal special prosecutor, I know that it is important to follow the facts and evidence. For the past few months, the House investigated these serious allegations outlined in the whistleblower's report. Here are those facts:

During a phone call on July 25th, President Trump asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to "do us a favor though," immediately after discussing frozen military aid. He urged President Zelensky to work with his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani and Attorney

General William P. Barr in opening investigations connected to a political opponent, Vice President Joseph Biden, Jr., and a debunked conspiracy theory alleging that Ukraine—not Russia—was responsible for meddling in the 2016 election.

Just weeks before the call, President Trump withheld nearly \$400 million in critical security assistance to Ukraine, which had been overwhelmingly approved by Congress. No reason was given for the hold beyond that it was directed by the president. The hold on security assistance was lifted only after the whistleblower complaint was filed and Congress opened its inquiry.

The investigation also revealed that besides withholding military aid, the president and his allies withheld White House meetings, phone calls and trade preferences from Ukraine.

We heard from nonpartisan State Department and intelligence officials who worked for the president, and they confirmed the allegations outlined in the whistleblower reporter.

I have reviewed the evidence and followed the hearings. It is clear the president's actions were a flagrant abuse of constitutional power; it was unlawful, and it jeopardized our national security.

The president had every opportunity to present contrary evidence but did not. Instead, he chose to obstruct the inquiry, preventing top officials from testifying and withholding relevant information.

Some have argued to let the voters in the next election decide. But how can we trust an election that the president is trying to corrupt?

I grew up in this country believing no one is above the law, including the president. If any president—Democrat or Republican—had committed these offenses, I would reach the same conclusion. And I ask others how they would feel if President Obama, instead of President Trump, engaged in this conduct.

Not all bad conduct is impeachable. Being rude or mean is not impeachable. Jaywalking, petty theft or infidelity does not put our national security at risk. But asking another country to meddle in our election and withholding vital security assistance to an ally is what our founders feared and why they placed impeachment in our Constitution.

The president once said that he could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody without losing any support. Clearly, he was exaggerating, but have we become so partisan, polarized, and tribal that as long as it is someone on our "team," they can defy the law?

The president is wrong to believe this is all about him. More importantly, it is about defending the rule of law and our Constitution and what signal we send future presidents of what is acceptable behavior. In short, do we want a democracy where no one is above the law, or do we want a monarchy?

The decision of whether the president should be removed from office now rests with the Senate. In the meantime, I will continue to work across party lines, tackling issues of importance like lowering health care and prescription drug costs, ending trade wars, and combating the student loan debt crisis.

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SPEECH OF

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, other than authorizing an act of war, impeachment is the gravest item that we as a Congress can consider. The decision to move forward with impeachment of a United States President is so consequential that it has only been done three times in our entire nation's history prior to this year, all based on legitimate evidence of criminal behavior. Unfortunately, many of my colleagues have diminished what should be a solemn and grave proceeding into an absolute political circus, simply because they don't like the man occupying the White House.

Many Democrats have been intent on impeaching this President since the day he took office. Their actions are clearly motivated by pure hatred for President Trump. This impeachment vote today is simply the next step in their long-held plan to remove him from office.

The partisan impeachment investigation run by the House Intelligence Committee was unnecessarily held behind closed doors, in a room designed to share classified information. Nothing classified was shared during these meetings, but the result of this decision was that most Members of Congress and all Americans were blocked from hearing the facts for themselves.

It's also critical to remember that the House Intelligence Committee had no business conducting the impeachment inquiry to begin with—the House Judiciary Committee is the Committee tasked with all responsibilities surrounding impeachment in the House of Representatives. The Intelligence Committee had no business running this investigation at all, let alone running it in secret. As with past impeachment investigations, the investigation should have been led by a special prosecutor or independent counsel who then would turn over their findings to the Judiciary Committee—none of this happened here.

Chairman SCHIFF repeatedly withheld crucial information from Republicans, including the ability for anyone but himself and his staff to speak with the whistleblower at the center of this investigation. He was even called out by liberal media outlets for spreading misinformation and falsehoods throughout the impeachment process.

The public hearings were held with complete disregard for the House Rules and decades of precedent. Republicans were not allowed to call witnesses or make basic parliamentary motions. In fact, the only witnesses allowed to testify publicly were those who fit neatly within the Democrats' predetermined narrative.

Most importantly, we have not been presented with any real evidence that proves the President is guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors," as required by the Constitution to remove a duly-elected president. If there were criminal activity, as many Democrats have claimed, then why are there no crimes listed in the articles of impeachment?

As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have had a ringside seat for not only the impeachment proceedings, but for the years of investigations into President Trump that preceded this one. When I led the Intelligence Committee's Russia Investigation, the Democrat minority led by Rep. SCHIFF was given every opportunity to participate, and they did so. They were not treated as a minority party, where their objections and right to call witnesses were denied as the Democrats did to Republicans in this impeachment investigation. I treated them with fairness and dignity and did not cast aspersions on them by calling their loyalty to our country or motivations into question. The investigation into Russia meddling was thorough and took more than fifteen months, during which we interviewed over 70 witnesses and poured over more than 300,000 documents. This impeachment investigation, by contrast, was rushed through in less than two months, with just a handful of witnesses.

The charade of a fair proceeding was further emphasized with the Democrats' refusal to let the defendant offer evidence and produce witnesses. The defendant—President Trump—has a right to defend himself, a right which was only ceremoniously and speciously offered once the investigation and report were completed.

It is clear—the verdict in the House was predetermined.

This has been a colossal waste of taxpayer dollars and of Congress' time. However, my greatest fear is that it's not over. When Democrats found no evidence of collusion during the Russia Investigation, they pivoted to the Mueller investigation. When Special Counsel Mueller's report did not include anything Democrat's found useful, they refocused their efforts once again to hone in on a supposed scandal with Ukraine. When this inevitably fails too, what will be the next casualty in their desperate attempt to destroy a president they dislike?

We have forever weakened this body by turning impeachment into a political weapon and set a terrible precedent for all future Congresses. This impeachment scheme is nothing more than an attempt to overturn the 2016 election and to conduct taxpayer-funded opposition research and damage the President's electability heading into 2020.

The American people see right through this charade, and are fed up. It's time to stop this madness and get back to the important work the American people sent us here to do.

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SPEECH OF

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, the United States House of Representatives will vote to impeach the President.

This is one of the biggest decisions I have had to make in my seven years in Congress. Since I came to Congress, my goal has always been to help the lives of the people of the San Fernando Valley.

And in the past year, we have done just that.

We've passed legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs, combat climate change, secure our elections, make sure our veterans have the care that they need, and that our children attend safe schools.

Impeachment was not our only goal.

This president left us no other choice.

After reading the facts, listening to the testimony of witnesses, and seeing how this President put his own personal political interests above the American people, I will vote to impeach Donald Trump.

This is not something I take pleasure in.

This is a solemn moment for our country.

This vote is about the safety of the American people and the future of our democracy. I cannot, in good conscience, ignore his outright disregard for the rule of law, his continued obstruction of Congress, and the use of his office for personal gain. President Trump's most recent abuse of power was the breaking point.

For a sitting president of the United States to actively seek the interference of a foreign government in our election by withholding critical military aid is a violation of his oath of office.

President Trump has purposefully damaged the integrity of our elections and put American lives at risk.

The founders of this great country and the authors of the Constitution created a system of checks and balances so that no single branch of government would become too powerful and abuse that power.

They devised a mechanism for removing a president from office should a person like Donald Trump, use the office for their own personal, unscrupulous reasons.

I came to my decision after reviewing the mountain of evidence and the testimony of several high-ranking White House officials who have testified and confirmed his malfeasance.

I do not take my responsibility as Representative for California's 29th District lightly. Serving the people of my district is one of the greatest honors of my life.

It is my constitutional obligation to do what is right for my district and for all of the American people.

Madam Speaker, President Trump remains a threat to our democracy and by voting to impeach, I am fulfilling my constitutional duty and living up to the oath I swore before the American people.

HONORING SYLVIA ROSEN ON HER
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sylvia Rosen, a New York City original who turned 100 years old this week.

Born December 14, 1919 in Manhattan, New York, Sylvia lived with her mother, sister and three brothers. In 1928, at age nine, Sylvia moved to Brooklyn where her family settled at south 9th and Roehling.

Sylvia attended elementary school at P.S. 16 in Williamsburg. Later, she attended Seward Park high school. Having grown up with

three brothers, Sylvia was a tomboy and enjoyed playing softball with friends and checkers and marbles with brothers and sisters.

After graduating high school, Sylvia attended a trade school for sewing. In 1939, Sylvia married her husband, Hyman, in a local synagogue. They moved to Independence Towers when they first opened in 1965. Although her husband passed away in 1978, Sylvia still resides in Independence Towers to this day.

Sylvia's best friends are Dina and Elsie. They live nearby and the three celebrate their birthdays together. She also has a cousin named Sylvia. They were both named after their grandma and her mother's best friend.

Madam Speaker, as Ms. Sylvia turns 100, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing her all the best for a joyous and momentous celebration.

RECOGNIZING MS. LISA
WILLENBERG

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lisa Willenberg for being selected as the new Chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton (UACCM).

The college was established in 1963 and Ms. Willenberg serves as the college's fourth Chancellor and the first woman in this position.

She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Central Arkansas and Master of Education at the University of Arkansas.

Ms. Willenberg has served at Morrilton for 27 years, first as a general accountant and, in 2011, becoming Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations—handling the college's finances, human resources, information technology and physical plant.

Under her leadership, the college has increased its fiscal reserves, improved the college's financial scoring and constructed new campus facilities to benefit the students.

Congratulations to Chancellor Lisa Willenberg on being selected for this prestigious position, and I look forward to the school's success for years to come.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I want to talk about why I am voting "Yes" on both articles of impeachment against President Trump:

Impeachment is a solemn and historic task. With the outrageous, ongoing conduct of President Trump, impeachment is necessary for upholding our oath of office and the Constitution. Benjamin Franklin said after the Con-

stitutional Convention in Philadelphia that we have 'a republic, if you can keep it.' House Democrats intend to keep it.

This impeachment process, holding the President accountable, is only possible because the House majority changed, but the root cause of it all is the President's own unconstitutional, reckless behavior. He withheld \$391 million in congressionally approved, tax-funded military aid from a free country, Ukraine, that is trying to defend itself from a dictatorship, Russia, and he did this for political gain. His action appears to have cost Ukrainian lives. He obstructed investigation and oversight by Congress, which is a co-equal, independent branch of government under the Constitution. He appears to have no shame or regret about any of this behavior, which means he is likely to repeat it unless he is held accountable.

No one is above the law in America—that is the principle the House is voting to uphold. Now the nation will be watching the Senate to see if Senators will uphold their oath to do impartial justice.

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SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, the United States is based on a principle that our second President, John Adams of Massachusetts, so eloquently summed up long ago: we are a 'government of laws, not of men.'

No one, absolutely no one, stands above the law.

Over a century after President Adams uttered those words, another Massachusetts statesman, John F. Kennedy, delivered his famous "City on a Hill" speech before the General Court of Massachusetts prior to the start of his administration in 1961. President Kennedy powerfully proclaimed that 'we must always consider that we shall be a city upon a hill [and that] the eyes of all people are upon us.'

He continued, explaining that:

For of those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment on each one of us—recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state—our success or failure, in whatever office we may hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions:

First, were we truly men of courage—with the courage to stand up to one's enemies—and the courage to stand up, when necessary, to one's associates—the courage to resist public pressure, as well as private greed?

Secondly, were we truly men of judgment—with perceptive judgment of the future as well as the past—of our own mistakes as well as the mistakes of others—with enough wisdom to know that we did not know, and enough candor to admit it?

Third, were we truly men of integrity—men who never ran out on either the principles in which they believed or the people who believed in them—men who believed in us—men whom neither financial gain nor political ambition could ever divert from the fulfillment of our sacred trust?

Finally, were we truly men of dedication—with an honor mortgaged to no single individual or group, and compromised by no private obligation or aim, but devoted solely to serving the public good and the national interest.

Courage—judgment—integrity—dedication—these are the historic qualities of the Bay Colony and the Bay State—the qualities which this state has consistently sent to this chamber on Beacon Hill here in Boston and to Capitol Hill back in Washington.

Madam Speaker, we are called to serve in this great country with courage, judgement, integrity, and dedication. And when those among us—those in the highest positions of public trust—willingly corrupt those values for personal benefit, it is incumbent upon us to act, however reluctantly.

I believe that it has become undeniably clear that the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, has engaged in a pattern of behavior designed to extract personal and political benefit from the Office of the President. In doing so, President Trump irreparably violated his oath to preserve—to protect—and to defend—the Constitution of the United States of America. It is with a heavy heart, and a deep reverence to that same oath that I refuse to abandon mine.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRAMENTO STATE'S EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Education Opportunity Program

(EOP) at Sacramento State. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service that Sacramento State's Education Opportunity Program provides to our community.

Sacramento State's EOP has graduated thousands of students, supporting the success of first-generation and low-income scholars from educationally-disadvantaged and historically-underrepresented communities. Sacramento State was one of the original California State University (CSU) campuses to embrace an Education Opportunity Program. Under the leadership of Dr. Edwin Klingelhofer, the program began with a successful pilot for 36 students and has expanded to now serve over 1,500 students each year. Soon after the program began at Sacramento State, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1072, which established similar programs at all CSU campuses. Since then, Sacramento State's EOP has thrived under the leadership of Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny and the exceptional staff of the Student Academic Success and Educational Equity Programs office. Their dedicated service has paved the way for equity at Sacramento State and does not go unrecognized.

EOP was Sacramento State's first equity program. It provides admissions assistance, a special orientation to university life, the Summer Bridge Academy, academic advising, personal counseling, tutoring, financial assistance, and various other programs. EOP is vital in ensuring the access, retention, and

graduation achievements of underserved student populations. EOP is a major pathway for first-generation and low-income college students to succeed through its provision of a quality educational experience at Sacramento State. I wish the university's faculty, staff, students, and alumni success as they work to help individuals earn a college degree and fulfill their college dreams.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Education Opportunity Program at Sacramento State. As Sacramento State and the wider community celebrate, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the accomplishments of Sacramento State's Education Opportunity Program's staff and students, as they have paved the way for the success and representation of historically-underserved students.

INTRODUCTION OF JONES ACT MODERNIZATION BILLS

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, today I introduce three bills to end a century of monopolistic closed market domestic cargo shipping to and from my isolated home state of Hawaii as well as the other island and separated jurisdictions of our country not part of the continental United States. In doing so, we will break the stranglehold on the peoples and economies of these exposed communities and their resulting sky-high costs of living which results from just a few domestic shipping companies controlling the lifeline of commerce upon which we absolutely depend.

These bills all amend the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, also known as the Jones Act. That federal law mandates that all cargo shipping between U.S. ports occur exclusively on U.S., not foreign, flagged vessels. Additionally, the law requires that these vessels are built in the U.S. and owned and crewed by U.S. citizens.

The Jones Act was enacted in a protectionist era under the guise of preserving a strong national merchant marine. But today it is just an anachronism: most of the world's shipping is by way of an international merchant marine functioning in an open, competitive market. And those few U.S. flag cargo lines that remain have maneuvered the Jones Act to develop virtual monopolies over domestic cargo shipping to, from and within our most isolated and exposed locales—our island and offshore states and territories—that have no alternative modes of transportation such as trucking or rail.

My Hawaii is a classic example. Located almost 2,500 miles off the West Coast, we import well over 90 percent of our life necessities by ocean cargo. There are plenty of international cargo lines who could and would compete for a share of that market. Yet only two U.S. flag domestic cargo lines—Matson Navigation and Pasha Hawaii—operate a virtual duopoly over our lifeline.

While they are nominally subject to federal regulation, the fact of the matter is that cargo prices have gone in only one direction—up, fast and repeatedly, despite a surplus of international shipping—and it is indisputable that

there is no downward market pressure which would otherwise result from meaningful competition. These accelerating cargo prices are not absorbed by the shipping lines, but passed through all the way down the chain, to the transporters, wholesalers, retailers, small businesses, mom-n-pops and ultimately consumers, of all of the elementals of life, from food to medical supplies, clothes, housing and virtually all other goods. The result is a crippling drag on an already-challenged economy and the very quality of life in Hawaii.

The broadest, deepest effects of the Jones Act on Hawaii result from its impact on west-bound imports from the continental United States to Hawaii. But Hawaii is an export location as well, in key products such as agriculture and livestock. Here the Jones Act also effectively stifles meaningful competition in getting those products to their primary markets on the U.S. Mainland. Because the producers of these products and all that rely for their own livelihood on their successful export have to eat inflated shipping costs, these export industries, which any economist knows are the ultimate key to any economy's prosperity, are also crippled.

Let's take a concrete example: Hawaii's once-prosperous ranching/cattle industry, which is so key to the economic health and the very lifestyle of so much of areas like the rural Big Island, where I was born and raised. That industry depends on getting its product, young cattle, to West Coast pens and transportation hubs in a cost-efficient manner.

There are foreign cargo carriers that specialize, through custom cattle ships and overall sensitivity and adjustment to rancher time-tables and needs, in such transport, but the Jones Act outright excludes them from the Hawaii-Mainland market. As a result, Hawaii's ranchers are reduced to two crippling, cost magnifying options.

The first is to ship their cargo by foreign carriers to Canada, where they have to go through a myriad of bureaucratic, cost-magnifying gyrations to get their product eventually to their U.S. markets. The second is to beg for the goodwill of the domestic carriers, to whom this is simply a hindrance rather than a major commitment, to ship directly to the West Coast.

And it shows: most of the cattle are first shipped from Hawaii's Neighbor Islands, where the bulk of the cattle industry is located, to O'ahu, in small "cow-tainers," where they sit for days in Honolulu Harbor awaiting the return to the Mainland of one of the massive cargo ships designed and utilized for quite another purpose. The result (besides associated higher costs) is in-harbor cattle waste disposal challenges, higher in-transit cattle mortality and lower-weight cattle delivery to market. That's what happens when you try to squeeze a square peg into a round hole.

More broadly, there is much evidence about the direct impact of the Jones Act on shipping prices to noncontiguous areas. At a basic level, the everyday goods that we rely on in Hawaii cost much more than on the Mainland, a difference which largely cannot be attributed to anything other than shipping costs. Yesterday, there was a 30 percent difference in the price of a gallon of milk at Safeway grocery stores in Honolulu and Long Beach, California. My constituents pay \$6.39 for a gallon of whole milk and those in Long Beach, one of the major ports where Hawaii's good come

from, pay \$4.49. Really, shipping that gallon of milk to Hawai'i from California is 30 percent of the total cost of the product in Hawai'i?

In 2012, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York studied Puerto Rico's economy and found that "the high cost of shipping is a substantial burden on the Island's productivity." The New York Fed found that, "[i]t costs an estimated \$3,063 to ship a twenty-foot container of household and commercial goods from the East Coast of the United States to Puerto Rico; the same shipment costs \$1,504 to nearby Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) and \$1,687 to Kingston (Jamaica)—destinations that are not subject to Jones Act restrictions." There is only one reason why costs are double to ship from the continental United States to a domestic port in Puerto Rico as compared to foreign ports in the Dominican Republic and Jamaica: there is international competition on the latter routes, none on the domestic route and the shipping companies take full advantage of that lack of competition.

The three bills I introduce today say: enough is enough. If you, the continental U.S., wants to continue the Jones Act as to shipping between your locations, that's your business. But don't penalize us island and other non-contiguous locations by throwing us to the monopoly wolves you've created.

The first bill, the Noncontiguous Shipping Relief Act, exempts all noncontiguous U.S. locations, including Hawai'i, from the Jones Act. The second, the Noncontiguous Shipping Reasonable Rate Act, benchmarks the definition of a "reasonable rate" that Jones Act shipping can charge to within ten percent of analogous international shipping rates. And the third, the Noncontiguous Shipping Competition Act, prevents monopolies or duopolies in noncontiguous Jones Act shipping. Essentially, the bills are intended to lay out options for providing relief for our U.S. noncontiguous areas. We can resolve the issue in many ways, but we must change the status quo which has had such a deep, broad and negative impact on my state and the other jurisdictions beholden to the Jones Act.

The Noncontiguous Shipping Relief Act would allow the noncontiguous jurisdictions to be serviced by non-Jones Act vessels and increase, or in some cases create any, competition in these critical shipping lanes. Again, this is a small portion of the total national Jones Act shipping where it is particularly destructive in application.

Let me address directly the argument offered up by the domestic shippers in defense of the Jones Act: that it contains important labor and environmental protections that would be lost upon repeal. My bill would retain these important protections. Specifically, it provides that all foreign shippers operating under the bill's Jones Act exemptions must comply with the same labor, environmental, tax, documentation, U.S. locus and other laws as are applicable to non-U.S. flag ships and shippers transiting U.S. waters today.

The Noncontiguous Shipping Reasonable Rate Act would define a "reasonable rate" for the noncontiguous domestic ocean trade as no more than ten percent above the rate set by a comparable international rate recognized by the Federal Maritime Commission. Currently, the Surface Transportation Board technically has the authority to adjudicate and set precedent on what a "reasonable rate" is for Jones Act shipping, but it has almost never

been used and never to a clear conclusion on what is a reasonable rate. My bill would define reasonable to remove uncertainty. Current Jones Act shipping rates vary widely and there is no central compilation of these rates. The ten percent benchmark would allow for variance but also ensure that Americans in our noncontiguous areas are not forced to pay exorbitant rates way above shipping rates which would otherwise be provided through international competition were the Jones Act not applicable.

The Noncontiguous Shipping Competition Act would exempt shipping routes to non-contiguous jurisdictions from the Jones Act requirements if a monopoly or duopoly exists on those routes. The Jones Act has resulted in the blossoming of monopolies and duopolies in our noncontiguous jurisdictions. To ensure that these communities, which are the most reliant in the country on shipping to receive necessities, are not held hostage to these dominant companies, my bill would give Jones Act exemptions to routes that are not serviced by at least three companies with separate ownership. In short, if a domestic route is in fact in a competitive environment, the Jones Act is less of a problem, but if there is no competition, then the route should be opened up to international competition by rescinding the Jones Act.

Madam Speaker, these long-overdue bills are of the utmost importance to the localities which have long borne the unfair brunt of the Jones Act. It is often difficult to pierce the veil of longstanding custom and understanding to see the real negative impacts of a law and what should instead be. It is even more difficult to change a law which provides a federally-created and endorsed monopoly under which no competition exists to hold down prices. Yet clearly the time for these measures is overdue. I urge their passage.

CELEBRATION OF NEW GARDEN ENTRANCE, GARDEN ENTRY PA- VILION, & CIRCLE

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, the Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve in my district recently celebrated the opening of its new garden entrance, entry pavilion, and circle. The Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve originated as the vision of its namesakes, Harold and Josephine Hatcher. The Hatcher's shared a passion for gardening and education. The family gradually expanded beyond their initial small wooded residential lot to ten acres, adding walking paths and trees to rehabilitate the land and reclaim eroded cotton fields. Their zeal inspired many volunteers to join their efforts to develop a gift to the community—a shared garden and woodland preserve for relaxation and information. Their life project was donated to the Spartanburg County Foundation in 1987 to ensure its continuance.

Today, the Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve exceeds twelve acres. It is open to the public and free of charge to all visitors, in line with the Hatcher's vision. Outdoor education programs are offered for elementary school children and opportunities are afforded

to more than 60,000 visitors to experience inspiration, enjoyment, and education through nature.

This December, a two-year project was completed at the Garden. The new facilities will enhance the experiences and opportunities enjoyed by visitors of all ages, and will continue to be a source of knowledge and information to the community. I am grateful for the Garden's continued efforts in my district and I look forward to their continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND SECOND CHIEF OF THE ALABAMA- COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inauguration of Herbert Johnson, Sr. and Donnis Battise as Principal Chief and Second Chief, respectively, of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas on January 1, 2020.

Herbert Johnson, Sr., a member of the Beaver Clan, served two terms on the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe Council, and held the position of Tribal Security Director for 21 years until his retirement in 2012. Mr. Johnson was vibrantly active in his community, serving on the Tribe's volunteer fire department and as the manager of the Tribal softball and basketball leagues for numerous years. He attended Jacksonville College, and later earned certification from Kilgore College and the Angelina Criminal Justice Center as an East Texas Police Academy reserve officer. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Indian Presbyterian Church, and has served nearly half a century on the Big Sandy Independent School District Board of Trustees. In all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Deloris, and he takes great pride in their five children: Davie, Delbert, Retha, Herbert Jr., and Heather, and their five grandchildren: Jackson, Camille, Raegan, Aaliyah, and Stormi.

Donnis Battise, a member of the Bear Clan, has served two terms on the Tribal Council and has been a member of the Tribe's volunteer fire department. During the Vietnam War, Mr. Battise served in the U.S. Army and is active today with the Tribal Veterans Association. Mr. Battise was employed in the lumber and paper industries for 33 years, and more recently retired from his position as a gaming attendant at Naskila Gaming. As a fervent follower of the Indian Presbyterian Church, Donnis serves both as an ordained elder and deacon of the church. He and his wife, Carol, are the guardians of Lilly Ann Alec.

Herbert Johnson, Sr. and Donnis Battise have earned the high esteem of Tribal members through their many years of outstanding service, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor them on this special occasion.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Herbert Johnson, Sr. and Donnis Battise on their inauguration as Principal Chief and Second Chief of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe and I ask that they may be extended sincere best wishes for the future.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF KEYSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keystone Community Services' 80th anniversary. For 80 years, this non-profit organization has provided critical programs and services that empower youth, families, and seniors in Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Founded in 1939 as Saint Paul Community Services, a small, neighborhood community center, it provided youth programming and services to its neighbors. Programs included athletics, Color Guard, hobby clubs, and pre-school-age programming. In 1941, volunteers contributed 60 hours per week to assist a total of 700 individuals. Today, more than 340 youth participate in Keystone programs that develop and sharpen their academic, social, and early employment skills, helping young people become successful adults.

In 1971, Keystone expanded to provide food shelf services to hungry neighbors. Last year, Keystone distributed 2.3 million pounds of quality, healthy food to neighbors in need. Today, more than 26,000 people each year depend on Keystone's food shelf services. Keystone's Programming for Active Seniors started in 1972, which included education, fitness classes, and social activities for low-income older adults. Today, more than 1500 older adults participate in a variety of senior programs at Keystone's two community centers in Saint Paul. Additionally, Keystone's Meals on Wheels Program provides seniors and adults with disabilities with nutritious meals and keeps them living in their homes as long as possible.

Keystone is aptly named for the essential wedge-shaped stone of an arch that locks the other pieces in place. Programs that meet basic needs, provide crisis support, build communication, and help navigate and coordinate services are the keystone of its work. Keystone Community Services has grown to serve over 30,000 people annually, in large part due to volunteers who donate 700 hours each week.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the 80th anniversary of Keystone Community Services strengthening Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Minnesota communities.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR JEFF TILTON FOR HIS 8 YEARS OF SERVICE AND LIFETIME OF DEDICATION OF THE ZANESVILLE COMMUNITY

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Jeff Tilton, for his dedication to Zanesville, Ohio and the surrounding area.

Mayor Tilton's career, now spanning more than four decades, exemplifies a selfless com-

mitment to public service. After dedicating 39 years to Burnham Foundry, Jeff served three plus terms as Zanesville Councilman. Jeff was then sworn in as Mayor in 2011. Jeff's service stretches far past his duties as Mayor as he is also a member of multiple local organizations, such as the Genesis Advisory Board, the Advisory Board of the Oaks at Bethesda and Northpoint, the Zanesville Sertoma Club, and the Salvation Army Board, just to name a few.

As a holder of public office, Mayor Tilton has continually gone above and beyond his call of duty. Jeff can be credited for improving broadband access, infrastructure, and downtown development in Zanesville. Outside of local government, Jeff's dedication has manifested itself in countless ways over the years, including in his volunteer work around Zanesville. Jeff is an active volunteer with Miracle on Main Street, Souper Bowl Sunday and the Y-Bridge Arts Festival. Many different groups and organizations throughout Muskingum County have benefited from Jeff's time and assistance.

Admired and respected by the people that have had the chance to work alongside Jeff, it is evident he has left a positive impact on Zanesville and the individuals that make up the community. As family, friends, and Zanesville gather to recognize Jeff's outstanding career, I salute him for his ongoing commitment to service above self. Mayor Tilton can take great pride in all he has accomplished and in the positive impact that his work has—and will continue to—have.

I thank Jeff for his devotion to bettering Zanesville, Ohio and in turn, I honor him for his incredible record of achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRED MAYER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Fred Mayer, who passed away on December 10, 2019, at the age of 86 after a lifetime of exemplary public service to his community.

Fred Mayer was born in Kansas City to Anna Landie Mayer and Maximilian Philip Mayer. His father died when he was just six months old and his mother reluctantly placed Fred and his older sister in Jewish orphanages in Kansas City and Denver while trying to secure employment to support the family. Mr. Mayer would later credit his time in the Jewish orphanages with helping to develop his great sense of justice. He would go on to champion causes that served the greater community and would always put others above himself. When he was eight, the family reunited and moved to San Francisco. At the age of 12, Mr. Mayer started working at local pharmacies and later went on to graduate from Lowell High School, the University of California, Berkeley, and in 1954, the pharmacy school at University of California San Francisco. After graduating with his pharmacy degree, Mr. Mayer served in the United States Army where he ran a mobile surgical unit in Germany.

Following his service in the Army, Mr. Mayer met and married Jacqueline Levy Mayer in

1958, and a year later, they settled in San Rafael, CA. In 1963, Mr. Mayer bought Sausalito Pharmacy and operated it for 33 years. Mr. Mayer used his pharmacy as a place to educate the community on various public health issues including the dangers of smoking and the need for safe sex education. In the 1970s, Mr. Mayer started a methadone program from within the pharmacy, and after a close friend of his died of cancer, the pharmacy became one of the first drugstores in the nation to stop the sale of tobacco. In 1974, Mr. Mayer went back to school at the University of California, Berkeley, to obtain a master's degree. Soon after, he founded a non-profit organization, Pharmacy Planning Service Inc., where he continued to deliver much needed community education on public health.

Known to all around him as larger-than-life, Mr. Mayer worked well into his later years. Most recently, he worked to educate medical cannabis users about interactions with other medications that might be harmful. He was also well known for his Great American Smokeout campaigns, bolstering National Condom Week, and his crusade to put child safety caps on prescription medications.

Mr. Mayer was a well-respected community leader who will be remembered for his dominant spirit and commitment to public service. He is survived by his daughter Heidi and his sons David and Charles. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Mayer's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his many friends and family and the community at large.

RECOGNIZING MR. ELWYN RAYMER FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize President and CEO of the Church Music Publishers Association's (CMPA) Action Fund, Mr. Elwyn Raymer, for his 50-year career dedicated to bettering the music publishing industry.

In 1966, Raymer moved to Music City and became Music Editor for Broadman Records and Music at the Baptist Sunday School Board, currently known as Lifeway. During his time as Music Editor, he produced and published the musical Celebrate Life. This musical touched the lives of millions nationwide and sold more than 600,000 copies.

As Executive Vice President of Triune Music and Triangle Records and President of Lorenz Creative Services, Raymer focused on his advocacy for songwriters, artists, and publishers. In 1990, Raymer joined Bertelsmann Music Group (BMG) where he helped establish the group's entry and success into Contemporary Christian Music. During his tenure at BMG, he became a leader for his ability to carry out acquisitions and attract talented musicians and songwriters. While at BMG, Raymer redefined and expanded the group's scope by overseeing the purchase of Reunion Records and Music and the acquisition of half of the Sparrow Music catalogues. As a direct result, BMG went on to unleash a new era in the groups chapter of music making with songs such as

Change the World, which was performed by Eric Clapton and won the Grammy Award for "Song of the Year" in 1996.

In 2001, Raymer retired from BMG after spending over 20 years leading the group's development, but he never stopped fighting for artists, songwriters, and publishers. After retiring from BMG, Raymer became President and CEO of the Church Music Publishers Association's (CMPA) Action Fund, where he worked to protect the intellectual property rights of songwriters and publishers.

Throughout his five decades of work in the music industry, Raymer has received numerous awards for his work, including The Arnold Broida Award for Copyright Advocacy, CMPA Founders Award, the NSAI President's Award, and countless other recognitions from ASCAP, BMI, Sparrow Records, BMG, and the CMPA.

It is my honor to congratulate Raymer on his retirement and to thank him for being a tireless advocate for songwriters and publishers. I wish him and his wife, Linda, all the best as they enter this new season of life.

RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENTS FOR FORMER MEMBER'S MEMBERS REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOW- ANCE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, at the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, I am approving retroactive adjustments for former member Peter Roskam's Members Representational Allowance in the amount of \$8,379.68 to address shortfalls in the Legislative Year 2018 due to administrative errors.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, last Friday, the 13th of December, the Judiciary Committee voted Articles of Impeachment against Donald John Trump, the 45th and current President of the United States and the House of Representatives debated and will vote on those articles of impeachment on December 18, 2019.

The Judiciary Committee considered a voluminous amount of powerful, probative, and compelling evidence demonstrating that the President violated his oath of office, disregarded the nation's security, endeavored to corrupt the 2020 presidential election, and then launched a cover-up to prevent Congress from learning the full extent of his transgressions and acting to prevent their recurrence.

Separately, I will discuss and evaluate in detail the evidence that supports the articles of impeachment, as well the evidence offered in defense of the President's conduct, but I rise

today for the limited purpose of explaining briefly the reasons why the conduct described in the resolution of impeachment is of the utmost seriousness.

On December 3, 2019, in the first of my Notes on Impeachment, I discussed and explained the enduring principles that I believe should guide consideration of any articles of impeachment.

In this, the second part of my Notes on Impeachment, I will discuss why obstruction of the Congress, particularly the House of Representatives when it is exercising the powers vested in it exclusively by the Constitution in Article 1, Section 2, clause 5, is one of the grave transgressions that can be committed in this democratic republic.

In February 2014, the military of the Russia Federation, without merit or cause, invaded the eastern part of the free and independent country of Ukraine, including the Donbass region and the Crimean Peninsula.

The United States, a strategic ally of Ukraine, reacted swiftly to the Russian invasion, condemning the military action in strong and bipartisan fashion, and providing military, humanitarian, and non-military financial assistance to the determined but beleaguered nation of Ukraine, which since 2014 has totaled approximately \$1.5 billion.

In September 2019, members of the House of Representatives were alerted to a complaint filed by a whistleblower within the Intelligence Community alleging that on a July 25, 2019, call with the President of Ukraine, the current President of the United States sought to withhold \$391 million in foreign military aid to Ukraine unless and until it announced publicly that it was currently conducting corruption investigations against the American president's perceived chief election rival.

On September 24, 2019, the Speaker of the House announced that the House of Representatives would commence an impeachment inquiry pursuant to its constitutional authority under article I, section 2, clause 5 to determine whether in connection with the July 25, 2019 telephone conversation with the President of Ukraine, the President of the United States has engaged in conduct constituting "Treason, Bribery, or other High Crimes or Misdemeanors" as specified in article II, section 4.

On September 25, 2019, the White House released a Memorandum of Conversation in which the July 25, 2019 telephone conversation between the presidents of the United States and of Ukraine was memorialized and which corroborated in all material respects the allegations of the whistle blower.

The Memorandum of Conversation released by the White House confirms that the President of the United States put his personal interests over the interests of the nation, engaged in behavior that undermines the integrity of American elections, demeans the dignity of the office of the President of the United States, and jeopardizes the security of the United States.

Rather than denying the material allegations raised or expressing any regret, contrition, or apology for the serious breach of conduct, a week later, on October 3, 2019, the President of the United States went before national television cameras and confirmed that he desired for President Zelensky's Government of Ukraine to launch the investigations he requested, stating:

"If they were honest about it, they would start a major investigation into the Bidens . . . Likewise, China should start an investigation into the Bidens, because what happened in China is just about as bad as what happened with Ukraine."

On October 22, 2019, bemoaning his fate, but not regretting his conduct, the President of the United States tweeted that "All Republicans must remember what they are witnessing here—a lynching," thus falsely drawing a moral equivalence between the exercise of the impeachment power expressly and solely conferred on the House of Representatives by the Constitution and lynching, the most heinous act of domestic terrorism and symbolic of one of the darkest and most shameful periods in America's past.

From the moment Speaker Pelosi announced the House would commence investigation of the President's conduct, the President responded by initiating and orchestrating unprecedented defiance of Congress and impeding its ability to learn the facts and impose accountability by disregarding subpoenas, refusing all requests for the production of documents, directing his political appointees and other Executive Branch employees from testifying before or cooperating with Congress, and resorting to dilatory litigation in the pursuit of pursuing frivolous and specious claims, such as Article II empowers the President can do whatever he wants or that he is absolutely immune from congressional investigation.

Madam Speaker, I am reminded that 21 years ago I served on the Judiciary Committee during the impeachment of a president, as did one of my predecessors, the late Barbara Jordan, who reminded the nation that our country depends on us to be big in the biggest moments.

This generational passing of the torch is not unique but rather an indelible feature of the American Experience passed down to us from the Framers who met in Philadelphia 232 years ago to craft a Constitution forming a more perfect union, establishing justice, ensuring domestic tranquility, providing for the common defense, promoting the general welfare, and securing the blessing of liberty to them and their posterity.

More than two centuries ago, in 1776, this country was founded on the basis of a bedrock belief in the revolutionary ideas that all men are created equal and are endowed with the inalienable right to life, liberty, and property; are entitled to live free of arbitrary rule; and most important, are endowed with the right to govern themselves.

Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that "all Experience has sh[o]wn that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by taking" immediate action against their oppressors.

But, Jefferson continued, "when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty" to take immediate action to repel the danger.

Madam Speaker, the Framers had first-hand experience with the types of abuses and usurpations committed by political leaders who ruled them but were not accountable to them and detailed many of those wrongs in the Declaration of Independence.

The Framers understood and declared to the world that democratic governors derived

their powers from the knowing and voluntary consent of the governed as expressed in free, fair, and unfettered elections unmarred by the influence or sabotage of any foreign country or entity not a member of the political community.

The Framers understood that if elections are influenced by foreign actors, then voters are reduced from the great role of citizens to mere subjects, and government for and by the people is a sham.

The most important feature of a democracy is that it is the voters who alone can confer the legitimate consent and authorization necessary to govern upon the governors who are then duty-bound to represent the voters' interests, and only their interests.

Madam Speaker, the fundamental democratic compact between the governed and the governors is that the latter's authority and continuance in office comes exclusively from the governed and allegiance is owed exclusively to the governed.

This agreement can only be reached through free and fair elections, a breach of which threatens the vitality and viability of the social contract upon which democratic self-rule of, by, and for the people depends.

Based on their personal experiences, the Framers understood the importance of a president's allegiance being always and only to the nation.

President Lincoln called the United States the "last best hope of man on earth" and stated at Gettysburg the importance of finishing the work we are in to ensure that "government of the people, for the people, by the people does not perish from the earth."

The first of the two serious allegations before us is that President Donald John Trump concocted and masterminded a scheme to coerce President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine to conspire with him to sabotage an American election by announcing an investigation into false charges against his perceived chief political rival so that he could retain his office and continue to abuse his power.

This is without doubt the most serious transgression that can be committed by a President who, as Lincoln said, has taken an oath "registered in Heaven" to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

The second charge leveled against the President in the article of impeachment is that once the Congress and people of the United States learned of his perfidious scheme, the President responded by orchestrating another campaign to obstruct the ability of the House of Representatives to learn the full depth of the betrayal of his oath and his office by refusing to provide required information or to make witnesses available.

Instead, the President reverted to his prior habit and practice of ignoring subpoenas, asserting specious privileges, intimidating witnesses, hiding evidence, suborning perjury, questioning the loyalty of dedicated career professionals, and pursuing frivolous litigation in the courts.

The alleged misconduct of President Trump is a trifecta in America history because it involves the commission of the three serious offenses against the system most feared by the Framers.

First, President Trump violated his oath of office by placing his personal and political interest above by the national interest by scheming to get Ukraine to investigate a potential election opponent.

Second, President Trump betrayed the national interest by withholding vital, congressionally appropriated security assistance to a beleaguered and besieged ally facing armed aggression from Russia, America's implacable foe.

Third, the essential purpose of the scheme concocted by President Trump was to enlist a foreign country to help him fix the 2020 presidential election in his favor, the very type of interference most feared by the Framers.

If American elections are not free, fair, and uninfluenced by foreign actors, then the democracy is extinguished and citizens are reduced to subjects ruled by an authority dependent not on the consent of the governed, but on the assistance and beneficence of unaccountable foreign actors.

Such a state of affairs inevitably leads to actions taken by the ruler that are not in the interests of the nation, like dishonoring treaty agreements, abandoning allies, impugning the independent judiciary and the free press, disregarding fundamental rights and liberties of the people, abrogating civic norms and virtues, pursuing acts of personal enrichment, and currying favor with foreign despots and authoritarians.

Although President Lincoln said in his First Inaugural Address that "while the people retain their virtue and vigilance no Administration by any extreme of wickedness or folly can very seriously injure the Government in the short space of four years," the Framers anticipated that the day may come when the actions of a Chief Magistrate would constitute a clear and present danger to the security and survival of the Republic.

So, to protect the republic, the Framers equipped the representatives chosen directly by the people with the necessary means of protecting their liberty by wisely including in the supreme law of the land, the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 2, Clause 5, which vests the sole power of impeachment in the House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, it is no accident or coincidence that the Framers established Congress first in the Constitution as Article I.

This is because unlike a monarchy or autocracy where the "King is Law," in a democratic republic, the "Law is King," and no man is above the law.

In addition to making the legislative branch the preeminent but co-equal branch, the Framers established the House of Representatives as the first of the two branches of the Congress.

Members of the House are directly elected by citizen voters and unlike the Senate, no person can be appointed to the House; all Members of the House must be elected.

Until the 17th Amendment was ratified in 1913, Senators were appointed by the State Legislature and even today a Senate vacancy can be filled by gubernatorial appointment.

Presidents, of course, are selected by electors chosen by voters.

This explains why the Framers understood the House would enjoy a "natural superiority" over the Senate and other branches of government.

Madam Speaker, in a democracy the People are the ultimate repository of political power and authority and the Framers created the House of Representatives to be the direct representative of the People.

This is why the most powerful of all governmental prerogatives, the Power of the Purse,

is vested solely in the House of Representatives by the Constitution which provides in Article I, Section 7 that "[A]ll bills for the raising of revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives."

Madam Speaker, the Preamble explains that the reason "We, The People of the United States," established the Constitution was to create a more perfect union where justice reigned and the law protected everyone, where the general welfare of the community was a paramount objective and liberty was secured for everyone, now and for the generations to come.

Our form of government was created to secure the self-evident and inalienable right of The People to live free of arbitrary rule or despotism or tyranny.

And that is why the Constitution necessarily includes a provision to remove from office any civil officer, including the President and Vice President, whose conduct and actions pose a clear and present threat to the system created by the People to secure their happiness.

The purpose of the Impeachment Clause is to protect The People, not punish the person and that is why the Framers vested the sole power of impeachment in the institutional embodiment of The People, the House of Representatives.

And that is why a refusal to cooperate or provide information requested by the House of Representatives in furtherance of its impeachment power is different in degree and kind from other inter-branch policy disputes.

When the Chief Executive undertakes a wide-spread, full-scale, across the board campaign to impede and frustrate the House of Representatives in the exercise of its Impeachment Power, he is putting his interests and his desires above the interests of The People, the gravest offense that can be committed in a democratic republic.

The impeachment power is vested solely in the House of Representatives because no one can tell the People how to go about protecting themselves; if they are required to obtain the permission or consent of another body, then the People are not in charge of determining their fate, and that means our system can be called many things but not a democratic republic.

Madam Speaker, in 1862, at another moment of national crisis, President Lincoln said: "The fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation."

And I say to the Members of the House that:

In honoring and defending the Constitution,
We defend and honor ourselves,
Precious alike in what we give
and what we receive.

For in honoring and defending the Constitution,

We keep faith with the Framers to whom we
are heir, and
Are worthy of the esteem of our countrymen,
Now, and in the generations to come.

Madam Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I have taken an oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and I do not shrink from this duty.

So, with love and reverence for this country and its people, I stand with the Constitution and that is why I supported the resolution impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the

United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
ROBERT B. DALEY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Robert B. Daley who passed away on December 15, 2019, at the age of 87. A veteran, dedicated teacher, loving husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Daley will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and community.

After graduating from St. Lucy's High School in Syracuse, Mr. Daley went on to study at Le Moyne College where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1954. Mr. Daley was a lifelong advocate of Le Moyne College. It was at Le Moyne that Mr. Daley and my father became fast friends. My family is forever grateful that Mr. Daley introduced my father to my mother, Mary Lou, and was rewarded by being best man at their wedding.

Following graduation, Mr. Daley went on to enlist in the United States Army. While in the Army, Mr. Daley was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii. Upon completing his tour of duty in 1957, Mr. Daley returned to Central New York to work for Bristol Labs and later, at Jamesville-Dewitt High School, where he taught Chemistry and Earth Science for 34 years before retiring. Following his retirement, Mr. Daley continued to be active in the education field, consulting for Syracuse University. In this role, he observed teachers in various Central New York school districts, working to mentor the next generation of teachers.

Throughout Mr. Daley's career, he has been a dedicated volunteer, helping build homes for Habitat for Humanity, assisting with the New York State Science Olympiad, and supporting numerous activities for St. Ann Catholic Church of Manlius, where he was an active member. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life of Mr. Robert B. Daley. A devoted family man, career educator, and patriot, I wish his family peace during this incredibly difficult time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor the 25th Anniversary and the magnificent work of the Japanese American Archival Collection at California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento State). I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the contributions of the Japanese American Archival Collection, as their work has preserved the deep history of Japanese Americans in the Sacramento Re-

gion, as well as the history of World War II internment, redress and reparations.

The collection was created in 1994 from the generous gifts from Mary Tsukamoto, the Florin JACL, and the Sacramento VFW Nisei Post 8985, along with many other families and community members. This collection includes Ms. Tsukamoto's educational materials about the internment camps and a wealth of material about the Japanese-American community, including pages from her father's scrapbook, news publications, and photographs. The JAAC also includes historical artifacts, such as blankets, various military records, and personal journals. Since its founding, the collection has grown to include California State University's (CSU) Japanese American Digitization Project, which is a collection of over 2,900 images and documents from 15 CSU campuses related to the WWII incarceration of American citizens of Japanese descent. This award-winning collection also includes the JAAC Imagebase, which is comprised of over 1,300 photographs in a searchable database. Through the entire collection, scholars and the public can view images that range from the pictures of the inside of an internment camp to images of the uniforms worn by the Japanese-American nurses that worked in the camps. All of the documents, photographs and artifacts in the JAAC are a piece of our nation's history and I am so pleased that Sacramento State has taken the leadership to preserve them. Finally, I must add my deep and personal appreciation to the JAAC, as it is the host the Robert Matsui Legacy collection, which includes a number of news articles, pictures and videos about the redress and reparations movement.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise to honor the important work of the Japanese American Archival Collection at Sacramento State. This archival collection is absolutely important for all Americans, as we must continue to commit to learning from our nation's history of past mistakes, if we are to not repeat them in the future. I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of this significant collection, and all those who have contributed personal items or have helped it grow.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE DALE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2019 installation of officers for the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department which is located in Prince William County Virginia, 25 miles from our Nation's Capital. The DCVFD goes on an average of 20,000 calls per year, serving and protecting the 75,000 residents of Dale City, Virginia.

Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1967, the DCVFD ensures the safety of families in Dale City. Funded by the residents of Dale City and comprised of committed community members, the Department has been able to significantly grow throughout the years. From humble beginnings on the

front lawn of the first Fire Chief's home, DCVFD has expanded to five stations in the last 50 years with approximately 250 dedicated volunteers. With bravery and dedication, DCVFD is readily available for the families of Dale City.

Their motto, Second to None, amplifies their dedication of preparedness, safety, and strong community service. Over the past 50 years, DCVFD has educated and mentored the youth in Dale City, not only teaching fire safety education, but also strengthening community relations.

It is with great honor I include in the RECORD the names of the following Dale City Fire Department Officers:

Chief—Christopher Hool.

Deputy Chief of Operations—Edgar Van Horn.

Deputy Chief of Administration—James Delaverson.

Deputy Chief of EMS—Barbara Brown.

Assistant Chiefs of Training—Darrell Hudson.

Assistant Chiefs—Steve Chappell, Marc Sherman, Jeremy McPike, Sandra Sokol.

Captains—Eddy Dumire, Joshua Jensen, Linda Wortham, Thomas Mazzo, Patrick Palacios, Kimberly Batson.

Lieutenants—Thomas Borsari, Michael Cajayon, Simon Courtman, Daniel Moran, Donovan Stewart, John Van Horn, Mett Werner, Jabin Young, Stephanie DeFreitas.

Sergeants—Robert Best II, Andrew Kelly, Robert Willis, Sam Porter Sr., Jordan Maplass, Bradley Gray, Steve Chasin, Muhamad Naiz, Joe Krimmer, Lauren Clowser, Nikia Griffiths.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newly installed officers and in recognizing the men and women of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department for their service to our country and steadfast commitment to their community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
MAYOR THOMAS F. KELAHER

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Tom Kelaher, of Toms River, New Jersey, on the occasion of his retirement from public service.

Mayor Kelaher has devoted his career to serving his country, and his community in Ocean County. While attending college, Mayor Kelaher enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served in various roles during his deployments, eventually ending his active duty service as the executive officer of the Marine Barracks at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey. After his release from active duty, Mayor Kelaher remained in the Marine Corps Reserves.

Mayor Kelaher then began a 49-year career practicing law in the state of New Jersey. He served as Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey by Governor Hughes in 1963, and was appointed as the Assistant Ocean County Prosecutor from 1969 to 1974. He also served as Prosecutor for various Ocean County municipalities. Throughout his career, Mayor Kelaher remained dedicated to improving health care services in Ocean County, serving

as a volunteer member of the Community Medical Center Board of Trustees for 25 years, Chairman of the Board for Clara Mass Medical Center, member of the Board of Trustees of Kimball Medical Center and St. Barnabas Behavior Health Center. In 1998, Mayor Kelaher was named Hospital Trustee of the Year by the New Jersey Hospital Association. Mayor Kelaher was sworn in as Mayor of Toms River on January 1, 2008, and was re-elected again in 2012 and 2015.

Over the course of his career, Mayor Kelaher has served Toms River, Ocean County, and New Jersey dutifully, and has made strides to improve the lives of his neighbors. Mayor Kelaher's will be hard shoes to fill.

I thank Mayor Kelaher for all he has done for our community in Ocean County. I hope that he will enjoy spending more time with his wife, Carol, and their eight grandchildren, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

The Central Valley sent me to Washington to tackle our toughest issues, like skyrocketing drug prices, polluted water in rural communities, and the struggling farm economy. That's why we just passed a bill to bring down prescription drug prices, I introduced two key bills to address our Valley water needs, and I got the president to sign my Family Farmer Relief Act.

They also sent me to Washington to defend the Constitution, because that's what protects all of our rights and freedoms.

Here are the facts: Our president abused his power and used your taxpayer money to advance his own personal interest, and when Congress fulfilled its duty to investigate, the president acted as if he were above the law, obstructing the investigation by withholding witnesses and subpoenaed documents.

Both of those actions violate our sacred Constitution, which only identifies one remedy for Congress to hold the president accountable. In obeying that solemn duty to my constituents and the Constitution, it is my responsibility to cast votes in favor of both articles of impeachment, for abuse of power and for obstruction of Congress.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the Democrats' new definition for evidence is alle-

gations. Allegations based on hearsay, I might add. They hurl allegations against the President and then say to him it's not their responsibility to prove guilty but it's the President's responsibility to prove his innocence. This has been a sham and an act of injustice against the President and against 63 million Americans who voted for him. Although this process was rigged from the beginning, Democrats never produced a single true piece of evidence. It's time for us to stop this hoax and vote against these articles of impeachment.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD two episodes of Pardon Me—Another Damn Impeachment Show?, a radio show hosted by Colin McEnroe of WNPR. I found these programs to be extremely enlightening and informative. I believe they should help Americans be better informed on this issue.

PARDON ME—ANOTHER DAMN IMPEACHMENT SHOW?: "A HEARTBREAKING WORK OF STAGGERING IMPEACHMENT WITH DAVE EGGERS AND MORE" & "ADAM GOPNIK: STOP SAYING IMPEACHMENT IS POLITICAL"

(Connecticut Public Radio)

A HEARTBREAKING WORK OF STAGGERING IMPEACHMENT WITH DAVE EGGERS AND MORE

Colin McEnroe: When we first started to think about doing a podcast called, "Pardon Me (Another Damn Impeachment Show?)," one of the things we agreed that we would do is not just talk to political pundits and law school professors and people like that, but explore how the culture responds to something as engulfing as an impeachment process, and then we had a chance to talk to Dave Eggers. Dave Eggers is, of course, the legendary writer and creator and editor and lots of other things and kind of an activist and also a guy who, as a journalist, and you'll hear a little bit about this, traveled around during the 2016 campaign going to a lot of Donald Trump rallies trying to understand and empathize with the people who were excited by the prospect of a President Donald Trump. . . .

Please visit this link to listen to the whole episode: <https://www.wnpr.org/post/dave-egggers-full-uncut-interview>.

ADAM GOPNIK: STOP SAYING IMPEACHMENT IS POLITICAL

Colin McEnroe: Hi. You're listening to kind of a little extra we're doing for you. Adam Gopnik, from The New Yorker. See, I'll get in trouble if I say this, but he might be the smartest person I know. I mean, there's probably a lot of other people who think they're the smartest person that I know, but you know it might be Gopnik. I mean you can't sneak anything by him, he's really that smart. And when we first started thinking about doing a very special series of shows about the impeachment process, he was one of the first people who popped into my head because Adam's already always doing what we like to do, which is thinking about politics and governance but melding it

with his very keen understanding of history and his sense of how culture works.

I mean there was no way we weren't going to do a conversation with him. So we got him. He's also now, you know a guy he's got a pull playwrighting thing going on so I think he was like running back from a rehearsal or something like that to the NPR studios in New York to talk to us. So if he sounds a little out of breath, that's why. But he's never out of ideas. So let's go. Adam Gopnik. We're so excited as part of the show to have someone who has joined our regular show many times.

Please visit this link to listen to the whole episode: <https://www.wnpr.org/post/adam-gopnik-stop-saying-impeachment-political>.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 STARS
OVER DULLES AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce for its ongoing dedication to local businesses and our community and to congratulate the 2019 "Stars Over Dulles" Award recipients.

This year, at the 24th Annual Stars Over Dulles Awards Luncheon, the Chamber will honor those extraordinary businesses, non-profit organizations, and citizens who have dedicated their talents and activities to enhancing our economy and our community.

As the former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and now as a Member of Congress representing this community, I have been proud to partner with the Chamber on many issues that impact the lives of our residents such as the Silver Line and in celebrating the service that so many individuals and businesses provide to our community.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2019 Stars Over Dulles Award:

Arts Community Leader: Kathleen Jacoby, Herndon High School Band Director.

Distinguished Veteran: Paul Patton, CACI.

Financial Leader: Burke & Herbert Bank.

First Responder: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department.

Health & Wellness Leader: Fitness Aspects.

Hospitality & Tourism Leader: Sean Hunt, Mustang Sally Brewing Company.

Minority Owned Business Leader: Remedy Intelligent Staffing.

Non-Profit Leader: MaryEllen Walsh, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries.

Real Estate & Development Leader: Dennis Sharland.

Small Business Leader: StudioOne Screen Printing and Embroidery.

Technology Leader: Cox Communications.

Transportation Leader: Georgia Graves, Bridgman Communications.

Workforce & Education Leader: Children's Science Center.

Young Professional: Merideth Pless, American Executive Transportation

Chair's Choice Award: Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association

Eileen D. Curtis Lifetime Achievement Award: Doug Downer, President, HRI Associates

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2019 Stars Over Dulles Award recipients and in thanking these businesses and individuals for their many contributions to our region's economic success and quality of life. Their efforts are among the many reasons why Northern Virginia remains one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. I congratulate the honorees on receiving these awards and wish them continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF BIBA
CAGGIANO

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of beloved Sacramento chef and my dear friend Biba Caggiano. The legacy that Biba leaves in Sacramento will be forever felt through her restaurant and her acclaimed Italian cook books. Biba not only invigorated Sacramento's food culture but was also a symbol for hospitality and hard-work. As her husband, Vincent, and their children Carla and Paola, gather to remember her life and legacy, I ask my colleagues to stand with me in her memory.

Biba Caggiano was born in October of 1936 in Bologna, Italy. In 1960, Biba moved to New York and found work with an Italian bank. Soon after, Biba moved to Sacramento, where she made homemade Italian dishes, a rare cuisine in the region at the time. Her love for traditional Italian cuisine was popular in Sacramento, and she soon found herself cooking and teaching others. In 1986, she opened the now iconic midtown restaurant Biba, beginning the movement that revolutionized Sacramento cuisine. She continued to grow as a successful chef, cookbook author, TV personality, and restaurateur.

Since Biba has graced our region with her inspiring dishes, Sacramento has become an important place for food. She opened a path for more chefs to pursue their own culinary careers in Sacramento. It cannot be overstated the influence she has had on our city. Over her career, Biba has received the Robert Mondavi Culinary Award of Excellence, Northern California Chef of the Year, and the Sacramento Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Award.

Madam Speaker, today we honor the incredible life of Biba Caggiano; a wife, mother, friend, teacher, and most importantly, a true Sacramento treasure. Biba will be fondly remembered by all in our community for her creative spirit and her kind hospitality. I will remember her for her spirit, talent, and courage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed several votes on December 17th due to inclement weather and a flight delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 683; NAY on Roll Call No. 684; YEA on Roll Call No. 685; YEA on Roll Call No. 686 and YEA on Roll Call No. 687.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 671.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, as a result of an ongoing need to address health issues related to my Parkinson's diagnosis, and other recent health concerns, I was absent from votes yesterday, Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on House roll call votes 695 and 696, the two articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump.

President Trump's actions with regard to Ukraine have undermined our national security, our democratic processes, and our Constitution. He has abused his office and betrayed the trust that the American people placed in him. Impeachment is the only recourse to hold this president accountable for his actions.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH SEASON
OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL
LEAGUE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th season of the National Football League. Chicago is home to the 1986 Superbowl XX Champion Chicago Bears and the 7th Congressional District is one of the 13 "Original Towns" from which came the 14 charter teams that formed the American Professional Football Association, which would become the NFL.

During its inaugural 1920 season, the founding teams that competed in the new league included: the Akron Pros; Buffalo All-Americans; Canton Bulldogs; Decatur Staleys; Racine Cardinals; Chicago Tigers; Cleveland Tigers; Columbus Panhandles; Dayton Triangles; Hammond Pros; the Heralds (Detroit); Muncie Flyers; Rock Island Independents; and the Jeffersons (Rochester, N.Y.). Two years later, the new league was renamed the National Football League.

From its humble beginnings, the National Football League is now a preeminent sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states

across the country. In the span of a century, the league has become intricately woven into the fabric of American life and the foremost steward of what is now known as "America's Game." The league's annual "Super Bowl" Championship is the single most-watched annual television event in the United States, bringing together individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds through a common enthusiasm for and appreciation of the game of football.

The two pillars of the NFL are football and community, which are demonstrated through the volunteerism and philanthropic efforts of players, owners, coaches and staff, including through programs and initiatives ranging from honoring our nation's veterans and service members to promoting cancer awareness to encouraging youth to maintain active and healthy lifestyles. These efforts, both on and off the field, reflect the character, commitment, fortitude and teamwork that make our communities resilient and strong.

I therefore, recognize the National Football League as a great sports league of the United States and congratulate the NFL for 100 seasons of uniting communities across the country, and look forward to another century of NFL football.

RECOGNIZING THE WASHINGTON
REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM
LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS OF
EXCELLENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and to congratulate the recipients of the 22nd Annual Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is an award-winning, public-private coalition formed to fight drunk driving, drugged driving, and underage drinking in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. Through educational and innovative public outreach programs, WRAP is credited with keeping local alcohol-related death rates consistently below the national average. Its programs educate students and the general public on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, particularly driving while under the influence. Through the WRAP Holiday SoberRide program, individuals who are impaired can request a free cab ride home. Since SoberRide was launched in 1991, 78,926 free cab rides have been provided in the Washington Metropolitan area, preventing potential accidents and deaths.

Since 1997, WRAP has sponsored an annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony to honor local law enforcement professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the fight against drunk driving. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2019 Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention recipients:

Officer Patrick Cushing—City of Alexandria Police Department.

Corporal Bret Kooharian—Arlington County Police Department.

Officer Bryce Cooper—City of Falls Church Police Department.

DWI Enforcement Squad—Fairfax County Police Department.

Senior Sergeant Bobby Galpin—Town of Herndon Police Department.

Deputy Caleb Hwang—Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Trooper First Class Anthony Wallace—Maryland State Police.

Officer Henry Gallagher—Metropolitan Police Department (Washington, DC).

Corporal Patricia Cox—Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department.

Police Officer III John Romack—Montgomery County Department of Police.

Corporal Thomas Kosakowski—Prince George's County Police Department.

Officer Chad Mason—Prince William County Police Department.

Officer Daniel Begendorf—United States Capitol Police.

Officer Christopher Gogarty—United States Park Police.

Trooper Lucie Vajglova—Virginia State Police.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence and in recognizing WRAP for its 37 years of public service. I commend the staff of WRAP under the leadership of President and CEO Kurt Erickson and Board Chairman Gary Cohen for their tireless dedication to eradicating underage drinking and drunk or drugged driving. Their efforts combined with the support of partner organizations and law enforcement agencies have saved lives and are deserving of our highest praise and gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam, Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was not in Washington, D.C. on December 17, 2019, and, as a result, I missed eight votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 683, ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; "aye" on roll call vote no. 684, on agreeing to H.Res. 765, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; "aye" on roll call vote no. 685, final passage of H.R. 4183, the "Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 686, final passage of H.R. 3530, the "Improving Confidence in Veterans' Care Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 687, final passage of H.R. 722, the "Miracle Mountain Designation Act;" "aye" on roll call no. 688, final passage of H.R. 2548, the "Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act;" "aye" on roll call no. 689, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1865, the "National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act;" and "no" on roll call no. 690, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1158, the "DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Team Act."

I also was not in Washington, D.C. on December 19, 2019, and, as a result, I missed

three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote no. 699, the motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 5377, the "Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 700, final passage of H.R. 5377; and "no" on roll call vote no. 701, final passage of H.R. 5430, "to implement the USMCA."

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR COY PAYNE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Coy Payne, the first African-American to serve as mayor in the state of Arizona, who passed away Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the age of 90. Arizonans will remember him as a trailblazer who overcame the struggles of poverty and racism to dedicate his life to serving his community. From his time as a soldier in the Korean War, to his time teaching elementary school students, to his time as a civil rights leader, Mayor Payne's enduring legacy was love for his community.

The second of nine children born to sharecroppers in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on May 22, 1929, Payne's family relocated to Eloy, Arizona in the 1940s, where they worked the fields to earn enough money to buy a car. They relocated to Chandler shortly after, where Payne attended segregated schools in Chandler and Mesa. After graduating from the only high school he could attend, George Washington Carver High School in downtown Phoenix—an hour bus ride and 30-minute walk away from home—Payne was drafted by the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. After returning from Korea, he received a degree in education from Arizona State University and taught in the Chandler Unified School District—the very district that denied him an education as a child. He continued teaching students there for more than thirty years.

It was during this time as an educator and administrator that he also became an advocate. He joined the Chandler Human Relations Committee and worked to improve race relations in Chandler. In 1980, Payne won a seat on Chandler City Council. And in 1990, Payne won a landslide victory in the mayoral election, becoming the first African American to serve as a mayor of any city in the State of Arizona. Chandler's population ballooned 96 percent during his tenure as mayor—and he steered that growth in a positive direction. The impact of his leadership is still felt in City Hall, and his spirit of service is carried on by the many he influenced and mentored. Thank you, Mayor Payne, and Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK" GRAHAM HILL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Richard "Rick" Graham Hill of Oneida, Wisconsin. Rick was born on

January 6, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan, and lived a life filled with love and compassion for both his community and nation. He was a politician, innovator, entrepreneur and leader.

Rick descended from a family committed to public service. His grandmother, Dr. L. Rosa Minoka Hill, was the second American Indian woman doctor in the nation, and his mother was a registered nurse. He began following in the footsteps of his family at a young age, often accompanying his father to tribal meetings, which cultivated him into the leader he eventually became.

Rick went go on to be a long-serving councilman and vice-chairman of the Oneida Nation, and served two non-consecutive terms as the nation's chairman. During his first term, he also served simultaneously as chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), representing and advocating for 168 federally-recognized tribes in the gaming industry. Under his leadership, NIGA became a nationally-recognized voice on Indian gaming issues, and successfully initiated the development of national regulatory standards and policies for tribal governmental gaming. As chairman of the Oneida Nation, Rick signed the first gaming compact with the state of Wisconsin. Even after retirement, Rick continued his service by forming Hill Group, LLC. There he consulted with various stakeholders to identify economic development projects and partnerships in Indian Country. He also formed RGH Holdings the first ever consortium of tribes to invest in real estate development projects outside of the reservations. Out of all his contributions, Rick was most proud of his work serving on the board of the Native American Rights Fund and the Public Sector Gaming Study Commission.

His devotion and commitment to serving others has been recognized with honors and awards including: the Eagle Visionary Award, the Pathbreakers Award and induction into the Indian Gaming Hall of Fame. He was also the first Indian Gaming inductee into the Gaming Hall of Fame.

He was a loving husband, father, and tenderhearted coach to his sons and so many others. Rick leaves to cherish his memory: his spouse, and my dear friend, Donsia Strong Hill, as well as his children: Richard (Desirae), Sage, Dakota, and his two grandchildren: Asher and Vine. He is also survived by siblings: Barbara Author, Norbert, Jr. (Mary), Rosa (Rick) Coenen; sister-in-law, Lenora Hatathlie and brother-in-law, Mike Author; his nieces: Megan, Sarah, Maria, Nasbah (Jamison), Nanabah (Michael), Melissa (Scott); and his nephews: DinéNizhoni, Christopher (Maria), Mark, Nabahe, Norbert III (Erin), and goddaughter, Jolene Billie; and long-term business partner and colleague, Dawn Reiter.

Rick always credited his success to those who supported, mentored and befriended him while working in Indian Country. I am proud to have worked with Rick over a 30-year period and happy to have called him my friend. I am inspired by his work to continuously help other tribes and will work collaboratively with them to establish strong tribal governments. Everything he's accomplished came from the heart, and the legacy he leaves behind reflects the positive impact of his service.

Madam Speaker, it is for these reasons I rise to salute Richard "Rick" Graham Hill, a man who has made the State of Wisconsin and our nation a better place.

SUPPORT FOR FOREST SERVICE AS CO-LEAD FOR ANY NEPA-REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF TWIN METALS MINE PLAN ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, a mine plan of operation for a Twin Metals sulfide-ore copper mine adjacent to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA) and upstream of Voyageurs National Park was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on December 18, 2019, along with applications for federal mineral leases. The proposed mine site is on Superior National Forest land in Minnesota. NEPA-required environmental review is expected to commence early in 2020.

The Superior National Forest and the BWCA are managed by the Forest Service. Under 16 USC Sec. 508b the Forest Service has independent consent authority for mining approvals in the Superior National Forest and thus has co-equal authority for mining decisions. For 20 months in 2017 and 2018, the Forest Service led a detailed study of environmental, economic, and social impacts of copper mining in the watershed of the BWCA.

For all of these reasons, Congress expects that any NEPA-required environmental review of a Twin Metals mine plan and federal mineral leases be co-led by the Forest Service and the BLM, and not led solely by the BLM.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 NORTHERN VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2019 recipients of the Northern Virginia Leadership Awards presented by Leadership Fairfax.

Leadership Fairfax is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to inspire, connect, develop and engage the next generation of leaders in Northern Virginia so that they are prepared to serve and strengthen our community. Graduates from its programs become part of a fast-growing network of civic leaders. I've always said, "When you walk into a crowded room, it's easy to spot the graduates of Leadership Fairfax—they just stand out."

Each year, Leadership Fairfax recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Northern Virginia Leadership Awards recipients:

Non-Profit Leader: Joe Meyer, CEO, Shelter House.

Corporate Leadership, Organization: Womble Bond Dickinson.

Corporate Leadership, Individual: Shirley Luu, Shirley Luu & Associates.

Regional Leadership: Danny Vargas, President, VARCom Solutions.

Trustee Leadership: Linda Mathes, CEO, Red Cross in the National Capital Region.

Educational Leadership: Rebecca Cousins, West Springfield High School.

Madam Speaker, the contributions of these individuals and organizations are one of the reasons why Fairfax is such a sought after community in which to live and work, and this year's honorees highlight the legacy of Leadership Fairfax in preparing our community's future leaders to address the challenges we face. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees and thanking them for their service to Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 NORTHERN VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP AWARDS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Colonel Jacqueline Jayneen Jackson, on occasion of her retirement after over 30 years of service in the United States Army.

Colonel Jackson joined the Army in 1986 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Stanford University. It was from there that she obtained a degree in political science. She went on to earn a law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and she entered the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1989.

While on active duty, Colonel Jackson served in several roles, including trial counsel. These assignments took her to California, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Texas throughout her career.

Colonel Jackson continued her career in the United States Army Reserve (USAR) where she served in the USAR Element on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. She also served as a military social aide for the White House during the George H. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations.

Colonel Jackson's commendable service earned her multiple decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Army Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

In her civilian life Colonel Jackson continues to answer the call for justice as an immigration judge with the Department of Justice in San Francisco.

Throughout her career, Colonel Jackson has carried on the legacy of her father, United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Edwin Jackson, who died in service to our country. Her exceptional work surely made both her father and mother, Edna Jackson, extremely proud. Colonel Jackson also draws support from her husband, Morris A. Graves, Jar.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of California, I would like to commend Colonel Jackson on an impeccable career of dedicated service and offer her best wishes for a happy retirement.

12 DAYS OF SALT

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, to conclude my earlier remarks on the 12 Days of SALT, I rise to include in the RECORD the testimonials of mayors from New Jersey's 11th District attesting to the harm that the SALT cap has had on their communities.

On this ninth day of SALT, a bipartisan group of mayors in my district have shared with me, statements about how SALT is harming our residents in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. Today, I'd like to share their words:

Mayor Molly Whilesmith of Sparta said:

"The exodus from New Jersey is nothing new. Our state and local property taxes have been amongst the highest in the nation for decades. New Jersey Snowbirds flocked South upon retirement. The current trend is to sell the house and pack the moving truck right after the youngest child graduates from high school. The cap makes NJ much less attractive for the average hardworking New Jersey Family."

Mayor Keith Kazmark of Woodland Park:

"The full SALT deduction must be reinstated for the benefit of New Jersey middle class families. Folks in our area were hardest hit by this change in the tax code. 51% of Woodland Park taxpayers pay more than \$10,000 in local property taxes and that does not include their state taxes. That's over 1,800 residential property owners in our town."

Mayor Bruce Harris of Chatham Borough said:

"The story for Chatham Borough is pretty simple. The average property tax bill is about \$14,100, so 40% is no longer deductible. Obviously, that impacts people's pockets; it also impacts housing values. NJ is a payer state—it sends much more to the federal government than it receives back."

According to Mayor Jeff Grayzel of Morris Township:

"We all teach our children to play fair, because fairness in one of the key elements that makes our democracy the great thing it is. However, the cap on SALT deductions is simply unfair and penalizes the residents of New Jersey. Let's be fair to all and drop this penalty on New Jerseyans."

Mayor John Kelley, Borough of Caldwell:

"Caldwell taxpayers are directly impacted and blindsided by the limits put on SALT deductions. Caldwell families manage their finances and tax liability closely and for many years have relied upon their state income taxes and Caldwell property taxes to reduce their federal income tax through itemized deductions. The impact of the limits on SALT deductions are felt throughout our community."

Mayor Michael Soriano, Parsippany:

"Parsippany is a community similar to many across the country, but unlike towns in other states, Congress decided to target our residents with a tax bill that limits their ability to deduct state and local taxes. Homeowners in Parsippany shouldn't have to pay more in federal tax dollars when we know the money isn't coming back to fund our schools or repair our roads."

Our mayors are on the ground in our communities and know that the SALT deduction

cap is harmful to our residents. This isn't a It's time for Congress to stop punishing our municipalities and our taxpayers and reinstate
Republican or a Democratic issue in our state. the full SALT deduction.