

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 preschool-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

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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