

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.

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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.

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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