

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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

SPEECH OF

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, my commitment has always been to be honest and transparent with the people of Connecticut's 5th District on my thinking and the decisions I make. Impeachment is not a course I wanted to pursue. I came to Congress to make a difference, not to impeach a President.

After extensive review of the articles of impeachment and the available evidence, I will vote in favor of impeaching the President of the United States. I do not take this action lightly and understand the gravity of the moment.

As the impeachment discussion progressed, I remained committed to not weighing in publicly, believing it was important that everyone had the chance to examine the case for themselves. As the investigation proceeded, I deliberately chose not to comment without having had a chance to review all the evidence and study the full articles as drafted.

I have now had the chance to thoroughly consider all the evidence and the articles of impeachment being considered on the floor of the House of Representatives. It is clear to me that the President attempted to use the Office of the President to demand a foreign leader investigate an American citizen for political gain.

As I listened to the testimony, I became more concerned about the actions of the President. While some may argue these actions do not merit impeachment, to do nothing and normalize this behavior would be a dereliction of my oath of office. This is a moment where I must lead, and I will vote yes when the articles of impeachment are brought to the floor of the House.

HONORING STEVE GRADOWITZ

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Gradowitz, who is retiring from an illustrious career as a radio personality in Bakersfield, California, which I have the honor of representing in this Chamber.

Born and raised in Bakersfield, Steve graduated from East Bakersfield High School before joining the active ministry. Upon leaving the ministry in 1968 he began what would become a lifelong career in broadcasting. And after a brief stint working in Honolulu, Hawaii, Steve returned home to California with his wife Jan to begin their family.

Despite being best known as Bakersfield's morning voice, Steve also has a successful entrepreneurial background. In 1975 he and Jan founded Christian Building Maintenance, a janitorial service; and sold the successful company in 1984 while he moonlighted at KAFY. They also became top agents for Century 21 Real Estate. In 1986 Steve began working at KUZZ, where he would go on to spend 33 years with the Buck Owens Productions station as Bakersfield's premier morning personality.

As any member of the Bakersfield community will attest, we are tremendously lucky and grateful to have had Steve help us wake up and get going every weekday morning for so many years. His on-air excellence during his tenure at KUZZ earned him numerous accolades including: the Bakersfield Californian's reader's poll Favorite Morning Personality, the Billboard Personality of the Year, and the Academy of Country Music's Air Personality of the Year.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Steve over the years, and he is as good a person as he is a radio personality. In fact, in typical Steve fashion, when I asked him to emcee the Merle Haggard Post Office Declaration last April, he generously agreed. And as with anything Steve does, the event was better off with him being there. Steve's unique and insightful style of broadcasting will be greatly missed by his countless dedicated listeners, but I join legions of his listeners in wishing he and Jan nothing but the best in retirement. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I want to congratulate Steve on his admirable career, and thank him for his dedicated service to the residents of Bakersfield, California.

CELEBRATING THE FILIPINO LADIES ASSOCIATION OF GUAM (FLAG) FOR THEIR 59TH INDUCTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam (FLAG) in celebrating the 59th Induction of Executive Officers and Board of Directors. I extend my sincerest congratulations to FLAG for an outstanding event in celebration and recognition of the triumphs of each Member, past and present Elected Officers and Board of Directors.

The Filipino Ladies Association of Guam was established in the year of 1962 and has since been clear in its mission to help our community thrive by working together effortlessly, encouraging unity amongst Filipino women; enriching the Filipino culture and traditions; and strengthening their relationships with the people of Guam.

The association received a BANAAG Award from the Commission of Filipino Overseas organization for their efforts in assisting and providing benefactions to overseas Filipino communities. They persevered in giving back to our island through their accomplishments in education, charities, and scholarships. Their desire to support local organizations such as the Guam Memorial Hospital and Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park are examples of achievements to celebrate.

I express my deepest gratitude to the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam's outgoing President, Lorie Castelo, for her leadership throughout the year and the newly elected President, Ma. Cristina Bansil, as she now upholds the extraordinary reputation of FLAG, as well as each member, past, and present for your untiring commitment and the promise it holds to our community.

Again, congratulations to the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam for a prosperous year, and I look forward to their continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GRAIL
DAWSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Grail Dawson, who passed away on November 21, 2019, at the age of 99 after a lifetime devoted to serving his country and community.

The youngest of four siblings, Mr. Dawson was born in Washington, D.C. in June 1920. He attended George Washington University and obtained a degree in Chemistry. Mr. Dawson volunteered for military service in the United States Navy shortly after the start of World War II. He completed officer training at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and received a commission of Lieutenant, assigned to duty on landing ships in the South Pacific Theater. Mr. Dawson served in combat as a Landing Ship Officer at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Iwo Jima, and the Philippines. In Bougainville, he served as Beachmaster for a landing under fire. Mr. Dawson received both the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal with 5 Battle Stars and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Upon his return from active duty, Mr. Dawson served a 30-year career as a Federal government employee, working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington, D.C., Idaho, Montana, and Sacramento. While stationed in Boise, Idaho, he met his wife Laverne, who he was married to for 30 years and with whom he had his two daughters. Following his wife's death in 1977, Mr. Dawson moved to Mendocino County to be closer to his daughters. It was there that he met Betty Barber, who was his life partner for the next 42 years until his death.

In Mendocino, Grail immersed himself in civic activities, working as a reporter for the

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Mendocino News service for seven years and serving eight years on the Board of Directors of the Mendocino City Community Services District. Mr. Dawson was an active member of the Mendocino Citizen's Advisory Committee and was the primary author of the first Mendocino Town Plan, working tirelessly to help preserve the small-town character and historical value of Mendocino.

Mr. Dawson was an active volunteer in numerous community groups, including the Fort Bragg Food Bank, Fort Bragg Library and the Grey Panthers. His crowning achievement was the revitalization of the Mendocino Land Trust with his partner Betty Barber. Mr. Dawson served for nearly 20 years on the board of trustees and a cumulative six years as president of the board. His commitment and dedication to the organization took the Land Trust from a small kitchen table organization to a highly effective conservation organization that counted among its successes the restoration and conservation of more than 7,000 acres along the Big River estuary.

Mr. Dawson was a dedicated public servant whose life exemplified the values of civic engagement and service. He is survived by his daughters Daney Dawson and Debra Dawson, his partner Betty Barber, her daughters Terry and Lisa, and grandsons Allegro D'Albert, Dylan Nicolle, and Micah Cooper. He had a son, David Dawson, deceased, by his first wife, and he leaves two grandchildren from this marriage, Sean Dawson and Shannon Dawson Westphal of Maryland, and three great grandchildren. While Mr. Dawson will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on through the positive impact he and his work had on the lives of his friends, family, and the Mendocino Coast.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, on December 18, 2019, due to presiding over the House of Representatives, I was unable to speak on the House floor during the debate for House Resolution 755—the Impeachment of Donald John Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors.

This is a sad and solemn day in our nation's history. None of us came to Congress to impeach a president but, when we assumed office, every one of us took an oath to uphold the Constitution. The evidence shows clearly that President Trump abused his power, put our national security at risk and sought to undermine the integrity of our elections. When he was caught, he tried to cover it up.

When a president decides to violate the public's trust by putting his own self-interests ahead of the country's—as President Trump has done—the House of Representatives has a duty to act. As our nation's top constitutional experts have opined, President Trump's con-

duct is precisely what our founders feared. It's why they gave Congress the power to remove a president from office, if necessary.

No one in this country is above the law; and President Trump, by his own actions, left us no choice but to approve the articles of impeachment against him.

RECOGNIZING PRIME MINISTER
MODI'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
PEACE WITHIN JAMMU AND
KASHMIR

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir within the greater context of the Indo-Pakistani conflict.

Just recently, the Indian Parliament passed legislation that changed the status of Jammu and Kashmir by modifying provisions that impeded economic development and affording the people of Jammu-Kashmir the same rights as the people of India.

Article 370, an outdated provision of the law that governed Jammu-Kashmir, is no more. Article 370 and the polarized political environment that it created resulted in the loss of thousands of innocent lives within the region.

Pakistani-based terrorist organizations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba have conducted terrorist attacks that have disrupted the society and economy of Jammu-Kashmir. They have attacked innocent women and children, and agricultural workers.

Prime Minister Modi has made it clear that this change was necessary to facilitate peace and economic prosperity. I applaud Prime Minister Modi and the Parliament for their leadership on ensuring the stability of Jammu-Kashmir.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to commend the Trump Administration's continued work with Prime Minister Modi to ensure peace within the region.

IN HONOR OF HIGHLAND ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL'S "ANITA NEW-
MAN WAY"

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Highland Elementary School principal Anita Newman. Principal Newman served as an educator in the Daviess County Public Schools district for 36 years before she retired in 2012. She began her career as a teacher at Masonville Elementary School and joined Highland Elementary School as a teacher in 1978. After a stint as principal of Utica Elementary School, she returned to Highland Elementary School as principal in 1989. Principal Newman is a distinguished graduate of both Kentucky Wesley College and Western Kentucky University. I

know that the new "Anita Newman Way" at Highland Elementary School, dedicated this month, will be a reminder of her lasting legacy on the hearts and minds of young Daviess County students. I thank Principal Newman for her service.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Daughters of Penelope, in honor of the upcoming 90th anniversary of the organization. The Daughters of Penelope promotes the ideals and traditions of Hellenism in America, focusing on service to one's community.

For nearly a century, they have remained steadfast in promoting the rich traditions of Hellenism, civic responsibility, and family through their philanthropic and educational efforts. The Daughters of Penelope have not only maintained these traditions within the Greek community, but also shared them with our larger communities and without a doubt made them a better place for everyone to work and live.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank the Daughters of Penelope for the decades of commitment to our shared ideals. I hope they all enjoy celebrating this exciting milestone.

CORRECTING THE RECORD ON
MOTIONS TO TABLE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I am kind of a stickler for details and accuracy in terms of some of the things that have been said here, because these debates are going to be enshrined in the RECORD and they will be there forever. But I want to go back to something said about the votes on impeachment: I repeat, nobody, nobody, Democrat or Republican, has had an opportunity to vote on Articles of Impeachment. And contrary to what has been said, voting to not table does not mean you get an automatic vote on the impeachment.

I will give you an example. On November 6, 2007, the House rejected a motion to table a Representative Kucinich resolution to impeach Vice President Cheney, and then moved to adopt a motion to refer the resolution to the Judiciary Committee. And that is what most of us had in mind.

So I can't say everybody, but I can say that it is just inaccurate to say that people would have automatically voted for impeachment or that voting not to table would mean a vote—an automatic vote on impeachment. I think it is important for the RECORD to be clear.

UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA
AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION
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SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement also known as USMCA or NAFTA 2.0.

Due to Speaker PELOSI and the negotiators' tireless work, this USMCA is better than the

current NAFTA and what the Trump Administration presented in the original agreement. USMCA will establish labor specific enforcement measures and an independent review body to ensure that Mexico is complying with labor obligations.

However, after careful consideration, I will vote NO on the passage of USMCA.

I am disappointed by the lack of strong environmental protections. Our planet is feeling the effects of climate change every day, and the lack of strong environmental protections is something I cannot abide.

What's more, USMCA does not contain any binding climate standards. In fact, the deal barely mentions climate change at all.

Finally, USMCA supports dirty fossil fuels, allows oil and gas corporations to run rampant, and fails to address toxic pollution.

This is a shame in a time when our planet—and our trade deals—deserve better.

Without stronger protections, this trade deal will have catastrophic consequences to the environment for many decades to come.

In order to meaningfully act upon our changing climate, to address our warming planet before it is too late, and to save future generations from a climate emergency.

I know that this bill will pass, so I pledge to continue work to address climate issues relating to globalization and trade policy.