

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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