

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING OFFICER DANIEL
BALLONI

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Oswego Police Officer, Daniel Balloni, for his heroic actions to save a woman from the freezing Oswego River.

On December 29, 2019, at 1:17am, police responded to the Oswego River after local residents called 911 to report screams coming from the river. As officers began investigating on the west side of the river, Officer Balloni, who was not originally dispatched to the call, went to the east side to see if he could help. Officer Balloni and his colleagues located a young woman in the freezing water struggling to stay alive. After several failed attempts by the officers to rescue her using a floating ring, Officer Balloni removed his gear and jumped in the frigid water, grabbing the ring and the woman. Aided by his fellow officers, Officer Balloni was able to bring the woman to shore. Shortly thereafter, paramedics arrived on the scene and transported the woman to a local hospital where she was treated for hypothermia and is now recovering.

Officer Balloni risked his own safety and suffered from hypothermia during this rescue. His actions reaffirm that first responders in our community and nationwide put the safety of our communities ahead of their own. I am tremendously grateful for the heroic actions of Officer Balloni, members of the Oswego Police Department, and all of those who work every day to keep us safe.

Madam Speaker, today I am proud to honor Officer Daniel Balloni for acting to save the life of a young woman. Every day, first responders like Officer Balloni put their lives on the line to serve and protect our community. I thank him as well as the first responders in Central New York and across the country for their service.

HONORING RICHARD STEVEN
GREEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard Steven Green. Richard is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Richard has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Richard has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his fam-

ily, peers, and community. Most notably, Richard has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Richard Steven Green for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life and, unfortunately, his untimely death, remind us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. In his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, Dr. King embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. I am honored to rise today to recognize several individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District who will be recognized during the 41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

The Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to local individuals who have for decades selflessly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. This year, Mark Spencer will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award. Additionally, Lieutenant Derrick Cannon, James Harris, Suzette Raggs, Verlie Suggs, and Mildred Guthrie will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast.

Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these honorees, as well as the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers, President Oli-

ver Gilliam, who also served as the MLK Breakfast Chairman, Vice President Charles Jackson, Secretary Linnal Ford, Financial Secretary Valerie Tate, and Treasurer Floyd Donaldson, and all members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

RECOGNIZING GINA LOSS OF
GREAT FALLS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gina Loss, founder of the Great Falls Project Linus chapter, for leading efforts to provide comfort to Montana's children.

Project Linus is a national organization with chapters throughout the country. Its primary mission is to create handmade blankets to give to children who face a challenge, crisis, or emergency.

Facing her own challenges, Gina was inspired to create a local chapter of Project Linus. When faced with personal challenges, Gina believes many people often ask, "Why me?" When she confronted her own challenges, she asked herself, "How do kids get through hard times in life?" Considering that question led her to found the Great Falls chapter of Project Linus in March 2006.

Since its launch, the chapter has given more than 15,000 blankets to kids through hospitals, dentist offices, and neonatal intensive care units, among others. The entire community has embraced the effort, and now hundreds of volunteers across Montana offer handmade gifts of comfort for thousands of kids in need.

Volunteering her time and resources, Gina uses her home as the chapter's headquarters, overseeing everything from storage to quality control. Her home is also the distribution center where the blankets are sent around the state.

Gina says people don't realize how much a blanket means to a child who is thrust into difficult, challenging circumstances. She says as soon as a kid gets one of their blankets, they immediately settle down and never let it go.

Madam Speaker, for bringing together people across the state to provide comfort to children when they need it most, I recognize Gina Loss and the Great Falls chapter of Project Linus for their Spirit of Montana.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I

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would have answered present on Roll Call No. 1.

IN MEMORY OF AL YOUNG

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Mr. Al Young of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Young passed away on December 25, 2019 at the age of 77. Mr. Young was an icon in the bourbon business, one of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's signature industries.

Mr. Young was born in Louisville, Kentucky on June 20, 1942. Following his graduation from Western Kentucky University and later Southern Illinois University, he began his career in the distilling industry in 1967. He served in a variety of roles and became Distillery Manager of Four Roses Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky in 1990. He was named Brand Ambassador for Four Roses in 2007, where he served until his passing. Mr. Young was a part of the Four Roses family for over fifty years.

Mr. Young was inducted into the Kentucky Distillers' Association Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame in 2011. He was one of the KDA's official historians due to his extensive knowledge of the industry. He was also inducted into the Whisky Magazine Hall of Fame in 2015. He authored the book *Four Roses: The Return of a Whiskey Legend*. Mr. Young was passionate for the industry and was well known by bourbon fans around the world.

Eric Gregory, President of the Kentucky Distillers' Association, said "Al was an ambassador for Kentucky bourbon long before the job was even invented. The thing I'll remember most is that Al was always smiling. Always. You just knew he loved his job, his family, and his life. We were lucky to share in his spirit."

Mr. Gregory is survived by Gretchen, his wife of 52 years, their three children Marc, Heather, and Christine, and four grandchildren.

It is my honor to acknowledge the life of this accomplished man, Mr. Al Young, before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ELAINE RACE MASSACRE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, one-hundred years ago, soldiers, returned from the European front in WWI were committed to benefitting from the opportunity and liberty they secured at great risk and sacrifice to themselves. Many took that commitment to autonomy and freedom home to the small towns, communities, and homesteads where families and livelihoods remained. One-hundred years ago, few eyes were turned toward a small agrarian community in Northeast Arkansas, where black sharecroppers, spurred in part by the tales of opportunity and liberty spun by these returning patriots, dared to dis-

cuss fair pay for their crops. To this day, the accounts of the tragic loss of life that took place during the Elaine Massacre, when white mobs killed more than 100 African Americans, remains widely unknown.

In September, I had the opportunity to attend the dedication of a memorial to the victims of the 1919 Elaine Massacre. I also had the distinct pleasure of meeting the Honorable Brian Miller, U.S. District Judge and nephew of Leroy Johnston, WWI veteran, Purple Heart recipient, and murder victim during the Elaine Massacre. I would like to include in the RECORD Judge Miller's remarks from the ceremony.

THE ELAINE MASSACRE MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

Court Square Park, 350 Perry Street, Helena, Arkansas, September 29, 2019.

(By Judge Brian Miller)

One-hundred years ago, on September the 30th of 1919, on this block, Phillips County's civic, political, and economic leaders settled in for a night at the Helena Opera House, which used to stand on this block.

One-hundred years ago, on the same night, three men met at the Phillips County Courthouse and drove down to Hoop Spur Church. They went to Hoop Spur Church to check on a meeting of black sharecroppers who were attempting to unionize. And those people were unionizing so that they could be paid fairly. The three men left from that courthouse across the street from this block.

While the black sharecroppers fought for fair pay, the black business class in Helena built movie theaters and cathedrals. They owned rental property. They ran small businesses. They practiced medicine on Walnut Street, which runs on the west side of this block.

While the black business class ran their businesses on Walnut Street, the white business class owned banks, movie theaters, restaurants, and retail stores on Cherry Street, which is that street that runs on the east side of this block. Two sides of this block.

And although there was a wide divide between the black and white business classes, there was an even greater divide between the black business class and the black sharecroppers meeting at Hoop Spur that night.

The 30 miles that separated this block and Walnut Street from Hoop Spur might as well have been a million miles, because there was nothing holding together the black business class and the sharecroppers meeting at Hoop Spur that night, except for shared history and black skin.

But what neither group could have imagined happened 100 years ago. The three men who left the courthouse across the street from this block fired shots into the Hoop Spur Church. And shots were fired out of the church, and a white man was killed.

A posse formed in that courthouse across the street from this block, and mob violence ensued. When the dust settled, five white men were killed, and more than 100 black people were killed. Estimates have gone as much as 800, but most historians have settled on about 200. And the mob raged on.

More than 100 black people were arrested and brought to the Phillips County Jail across the street from this block. Those men were brutally beaten and tortured in that jail across the street from this block. And the mob gathered.

Right here on this block, right where you sit, the mob gathered and chanted and screamed for death. And 12 men were given sham trials in that courthouse across the street from this block and sentenced to die across the street from this block.

But Judge Jacob Trieber stayed those executions in the old federal courthouse that

once stood on that corner across the street from this block.

Now, after 100 years, we return. And where do we return? We return to this block. We return not to relive 1919. We return to this block to remember and honor those who were killed. We return in hope. We return to this block with an earnest yearning for redemption. We return to this block with an earnest yearning for reconciliation.

Those of us who failed to take up the cause of the sharecroppers seek redemption for failing to help those less fortunate than ourselves. And those of us who joined the mob or contributed to the slaughter of the sharecroppers seek redemption for doing the unthinkable.

And all of us, whether we are the descendants of the mob, whether we are the descendants of those who were killed by the mob, or whether we are just people of good will, seek reconciliation with one another.

We return to this block on this day and at this time to face the reality that we stand on the shoulders of our ancestors. We all love our ancestors and we all respect them. But we also accept the reality that they were not perfect. We understand that they were human beings. We understand that they were susceptible to human frailty.

Because of this, we return to this block to announce that we will be vigilant not to repeat their mistakes. We return to this block to forgive one another, and to ask for forgiveness. We return to this block to accept that forgiveness and to allow ourselves to be redeemed.

And this, the Elaine Massacre Memorial, forever stands as a reminder of why we have returned to this block. Every time we feel angry, every time we feel embittered, every time we feel slighted, every time we feel divisive, and every time we feel guilty, we will see that monument and we will remember the nightmare that all of those emotions will bring.

And we will remember this day and how we feel at this moment, and we will recommit ourselves to loving and respecting one another, even when we disagree.

HONORING SETH KOHLER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Kohler. Seth is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 313, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Seth has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Seth has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Seth has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Seth designed and constructed a flag pole outside of his church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Seth Kohler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present on January 7, 2020 for Roll Call Vote 1. Had I been present, I would have answered Present on Roll Call Vote 1.

RECOGNIZING DAVID CONDON,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Mayor David Condon, who will go down as Spokane's most significant mayor since Expo '74. Mayor Condon is a friend, my former district director and deputy chief of staff, a former U.S. Army Captain, and a visionary and compassionate leader who during his eight years of service to the City of Spokane showed that a good government doesn't have to be an expensive one.

When David earned the trust of Spokane's citizens and was elected as mayor, the crime in the city was high, development had slowed, and the river that runs through the heart of the city was becoming more polluted every day. David set out with a tremendous vision to reverse these trends, and lead a revitalization of the city that will continue to be realized and appreciated for decades to come.

During his time as the Mayor of Spokane—the largest city in my district—David was known for his focus on solutions to help the city grow and modernize for the future. He was instrumental in championing the revival of Spokane's Riverfront Park, cleaning up our river and restoring the lifeblood of Spokane. His efforts were recognized nationally, including by President Obama.

During his thoughtful tenure, Spokane thrived because David always worked to bring new and exciting businesses to our area and provide even more opportunities for people to build a better life. The city's median household income has increased by 37 percent since 2014, job growth is up 3.9 percent since 2015, and the crime rate is down. The future of Spokane's libraries is secured through David's leadership in passing a bond to remodel four existing libraries and build three more. David also championed rebuilding the city's aging infrastructure through smart investment and encouraging private partnerships. He hired more police officers, firefighters, and emergency responders and improved our emergency service response time to better protect and serve the city. Spokane, and all of Eastern Washington, is stronger today because of Mayor Condon's remarkable and visionary leadership.

He put Spokane on the map. We are no longer a medium-sized town in search of our identity, we are a national model and a shining example for other cities to follow. That is because of David's time, talent, sweat, and tears.

I'm proud to call David a friend and colleague. As he embarks on the next chapter, we will miss the leadership that he brought. On behalf of Washington's Fifth Congressional District, I thank Mayor Condon for his eight years of service and commitment to the City of Spokane. He left the city better off than he found it and truly made Spokane the "City of Choice."

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TRUMP

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. STEUBE. Madam Speaker, in light of how the House concluded 2019 with the passage of Articles of Impeachment, and the current state of the process, the constituents of Florida's 17th Congressional District and all Americans must be informed about the truth of this process as accurately conveyed in this letter from President Trump to Speaker PELOSI.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, December 17, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write to express my strongest and most powerful protest against the partisan impeachment crusade being pursued by the Democrats in the House of Representatives. This impeachment represents an unprecedented and unconstitutional abuse of power by Democrat Lawmakers, unequaled in nearly two and a half centuries of American legislative history.

The Articles of Impeachment introduced by the House Judiciary Committee are not recognizable under any standard of Constitutional theory, interpretation, or jurisprudence. They include no crimes, no misdemeanors, and no offenses whatsoever. You have cheapened the importance of the very ugly word, impeachment!

By proceeding with your invalid impeachment, you are violating your oaths of office, you are breaking your allegiance to the Constitution, and you are declaring open war on American Democracy. You dare to invoke the Founding Fathers in pursuit of this election-nullification scheme—yet your spiteful actions display unfettered contempt for America's founding and your egregious conduct threatens to destroy that which our Founders pledged their very lives to build. Even worse than offending the Founding Fathers, you are offending Americans of faith by continually saying "I pray for the President," when you know this statement is not true, unless it is meant in a negative sense. It is a terrible thing you are doing, but you will have to live with it, not I!

Your first claim, "Abuse of Power," is a completely disingenuous, meritless, and baseless invention of your imagination. You know that I had a totally innocent conversation with the President of Ukraine. I then had a second conversation that has been misquoted, mischaracterized, and fraudulently misrepresented. Fortunately, there was a transcript of the conversation taken, and you know from the transcript (which was immediately made available) that the paragraph in question was perfect. I said to President Zelensky: "I would like you to do us a favor, though, because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it." I said *do us a favor, not me, and our country*, not a campaign. I then mentioned the Attorney General of the United

States. Every time I talk with a foreign leader, I put America's interests first, just as I did with President Zelensky.

You are turning a policy disagreement between two branches of government into an impeachable offense—it is no more legitimate than the Executive Branch charging members of Congress with crimes for the lawful exercise of legislative power.

You know full well that Vice President Biden used his office and \$1 billion dollars of U.S. aid money to coerce Ukraine into firing the prosecutor who was digging into the company paying his son millions of dollars. You know this because Biden bragged about it on video. Biden openly stated: "I said, 'I'm telling you, you're not getting the billion dollars' . . . I looked at them and said: 'I'm leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money.' Well, son of a bitch. He got fired." Even Joe Biden admitted just days ago in an interview with NPR that it "looked bad." Now you are trying to impeach me by falsely accusing me of doing what Joe Biden has admitted he actually did.

President Zelensky has repeatedly declared that I did nothing wrong, and that there was No Pressure. He further emphasized that it was a "good phone call," that "I don't feel pressure," and explicitly stressed that "nobody pushed me." The Ukrainian Foreign Minister stated very clearly: "I have never seen a direct link between investigations and security assistance." He also said there was "No Pressure." Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, a supporter of Ukraine who met privately with President Zelensky, has said: "At no time during this meeting . . . was there any mention by Zelensky or any Ukrainian that they were feeling pressure to do anything in return for the military aid." Many meetings have been held between representatives of Ukraine and our country. Never once did Ukraine complain about pressure being applied—not once! Ambassador Sandland testified that I told him: "No quid pro quo. I want nothing. I want nothing. I want President Zelensky to do the right thing, do what he ran on."

The second claim, so-called "Obstruction of Congress," is preposterous and dangerous. House Democrats are trying to impeach the duly elected President of the United States for asserting Constitutionally based privileges that have been asserted on a bipartisan basis by administrations of both political parties throughout our Nation's history. Under that standard, every American president would have been impeached many times over. As liberal law professor Jonathan Turley warned when addressing Congressional Democrats: "I can't emphasize this enough . . . if you impeach a president, if you make a high crime and misdemeanor out of going to the courts, it is an abuse of power. It's your abuse of power. You're doing precisely what you're criticizing the President for doing."

Everyone, you included, knows what is really happening. Your chosen candidate lost the election in 2016, in an Electoral College landslide (306-227), and you and your party have never recovered from this defeat. You have developed a full-fledged case of what many in the media call Trump Derangement Syndrome and sadly, you will never get over it! You are unwilling and unable to accept the verdict issued at the ballot box during the great Election of 2016. So you have spent three straight years attempting to overturn the will of the American people and nullify their votes. You view democracy as your enemy!

Speaker Pelosi, you admitted just last week at a public forum that your party's impeachment effort has been going on for "two and a half years," long before you ever heard

about a phone call with Ukraine. Nineteen minutes after I took the oath of office, the Washington Post published a story headlined, "The Campaign to Impeach President Trump Has Begun." Less than three months after my inauguration, Representative Maxine Waters stated, "I'm going to fight every day until he's impeached." House Democrats introduced the first impeachment resolution against me within months of my inauguration, for what will be regarded as one of our country's best decisions, the firing of James Comey (see Inspector General Reports)—who the world now knows is one of the dirtiest cops our Nation has ever seen. A ranting and raving Congresswoman, Rashida Tlaib, declared just hours after she was sworn into office, "We're gonna go in there and we're gonna impeach the motherf****r." Representative Al Green said in May, "I'm concerned that if we don't impeach this president, he will get re-elected." Again, you and your allies said, and did, all of these things long before you ever heard of President Zelensky or anything related to Ukraine. As you know very well, this impeachment drive has nothing to do with Ukraine, or the totally appropriate conversation I had with its new president. It only has to do with your attempt to undo the election of 2016 and steal the election of 2020!

Congressman Adam Schiff cheated and lied all the way up to the present day, even going so far as to fraudulently make up, out of thin air, my conversation with President Zelensky of Ukraine and read this fantasy language to Congress as though it were said by me. His shameless lies and deceptions, dating all the way back to the Russia Hoax, is one of the main reasons we are here today.

You and your party are desperate to distract from America's extraordinary economy, incredible jobs boom, record stock market, soaring confidence, and flourishing citizens. Your party simply cannot compete with our record: 7 million new jobs; the lowest-ever unemployment for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans; a rebuilt military; a completely reformed VA with Choice and Accountability for our great veterans; more than 170 new federal judges and two Supreme Court Justices: historic tax and regulation cuts; the elimination of the individual mandate; the first decline in prescription drug prices in half a century; the first new branch of the United States Military since 1947, the Space Force; strong protection of the Second Amendment; criminal justice reform; a defeated ISIS caliphate and the killing of the world's number one terrorist leader, al-Baghdadi; the replacement of the disastrous NAFTA trade deal with the wonderful USMCA (Mexico and Canada); a breakthrough Phase One trade deal with China; massive new trade deals with Japan and South Korea; withdrawal from the terrible Iran Nuclear Deal; cancellation of the unfair and costly Paris Climate Accord; becoming the world's top energy producer; recognition of Israel's capital, opening the American Embassy in Jerusalem, and recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights; a colossal reduction in illegal border crossings, the ending of Catch-and-Release, and the building of the Southern Border Wall—and that is just the beginning, there is so much more. You cannot defend your extreme policies—open borders, mass migration, high crime, crippling taxes, socialized healthcare, destruction of American energy, late-term taxpayer-funded abortion, elimination of the Second Amendment, radical far-left theories of law and justice, and constant partisan obstruction of both common sense and common good.

There is nothing I would rather do than stop referring to your party as the Do-Nothing

Democrats. Unfortunately, I don't know that you will ever give me a chance to do so.

After three years of unfair and unwarranted investigations, 45 million dollars spent, 18 angry Democrat prosecutors, the entire force of the FBI, headed by leadership now proven to be totally incompetent and corrupt, you have found NOTHING! Few people in high position could have endured or passed this test. You do not know, nor do you care, the great damage and hurt you have inflicted upon wonderful and loving members of my family. You conducted a fake investigation upon the democratically elected President of the United States, and you are doing it yet again.

There are not many people who could have taken the punishment inflicted during this period of time, and yet done so much for the success of America and its citizens. But instead of putting our country first, you have decided to disgrace our country still further. You completely failed with the Mueller report because there was nothing to find, so you decided to take the next hoax that came along, the phone call with Ukraine—even though it was a perfect call. And by the way, when I speak to foreign countries, there are many people, with permission, listening to the call on both sides of the conversation.

You are the ones interfering in America's elections. You are the ones subverting America's Democracy. You are the ones Obstructing Justice. You are the ones bringing pain and suffering to our Republic for your own selfish personal, political, and partisan gain.

Before the Impeachment Hoax, it was the Russian Witch Hunt. Against all evidence, and regardless of the truth, you and your deputies claimed that my campaign colluded with the Russians—a grave, malicious, and slanderous lie, a falsehood like no other. You forced our Nation through turmoil and torment over a wholly fabricated story, illegally purchased from a foreign spy by Hillary Clinton and the DNC in order to assault our democracy. Yet, when the monstrous lie was debunked and this Democrat conspiracy dissolved into dust, you did not apologize. You did not recant. You did not ask to be forgiven. You showed no remorse, no capacity for self-reflection. Instead, you pursued your next libelous and vicious crusade—you engineered an attempt to frame and defame an innocent person. All of this was motivated by personal political calculation. Your Speakership and your party are held hostage by your most deranged and radical representatives of the far left. Each one of your members lives in fear of a socialist primary challenger—this is what is driving impeachment. Look at Congressman Nadler's challenger. Look at yourself and others. Do not take our country down with your party.

If you truly cared about freedom and liberty for our Nation, then you would be devoting your vast investigative resources to exposing the full truth concerning the FBI's horrifying abuses of power before, during, and after the 2016 election—including the use of spies against my campaign, the submission of false evidence to a FISA court, and the concealment of exculpatory evidence in order to frame the innocent. The FBI has great and honorable people, but the leadership was inept and corrupt. I would think that you would personally be appalled by these revelations, because in your press conference the day you announced impeachment, you tied the impeachment effort directly to the completely discredited Russia Hoax, declaring twice that "all roads lead to Putin," when you know that is an abject lie. I have been far tougher on Russia than President Obama ever even thought to be.

Any member of Congress who votes in support of impeachment—against every shred of truth, fact, evidence, and legal principle—is

showing how deeply they revile the voters and how truly they detest America's Constitutional order. Our Founders feared the tribalization of partisan politics, and you are bringing their worst fears to life.

Worse still, I have been deprived of basic Constitutional Due Process from the beginning of this impeachment scam right up until the present. I have been denied the most fundamental rights afforded by the Constitution, including the right to present evidence, to have my own counsel present, to confront accusers, and to call and cross-examine witnesses, like the so-called whistleblower who started this entire hoax with a false report of the phone call that bears no relationship to the actual phone call that was made. Once I presented the transcribed call, which surprised and shocked the fraudsters (they never thought that such evidence would be presented), the so-called whistleblower, and the second whistleblower, disappeared because they got caught, their report was a fraud, and they were no longer going to be made available to us. In other words, once the phone call was made public, your whole plot blew up, but that didn't stop you from continuing.

More due process was afforded to those accused in the Salem Witch Trials.

You and others on your committees have long said impeachment must be bipartisan—it is not. You said it was very divisive—it certainly is, even far more than you ever thought possible—and it will only get worse!

This is nothing more than an illegal, partisan attempted coup that will, based on recent sentiment, badly fail at the voting booth. You are not just after me, as President, you are after the entire Republican Party. But because of this colossal injustice, our party is more united than it has ever been before. History will judge you harshly as you proceed with this impeachment charade. Your legacy will be that of turning the House of Representatives from a revered legislative body into a Star Chamber of partisan persecution.

Perhaps most insulting of all is your false display of solemnity. You apparently have so little respect for the American People that you expect them to believe that you are approaching this impeachment somberly, reservedly, and reluctantly. No intelligent person believes what you are saying. Since the moment I won the election, the Democrat Party has been possessed by Impeachment Fever. There is no reticence. This is not a somber affair. You are making a mockery of impeachment and you are scarcely concealing your hatred of me, of the Republican Party, and tens of millions of patriotic Americans. The voters are wise, and they are seeing straight through this empty, hollow, and dangerous game you are playing.

I have no doubt the American people will hold you and the Democrats fully responsible in the upcoming 2020 election. They will not soon forgive your perversion of justice and abuse of power.

There is far too much that needs to be done to improve the lives of our citizens. It is time for you and the highly partisan Democrats in Congress to immediately cease this impeachment fantasy and get back to work for the American People. While I have no expectation that you will do so, I write this letter to you for the purpose of history and to put my thoughts on a permanent and indelible record.

One hundred years from now, when people look back at this affair, I want them to understand it and learn from it, so that it can never happen to another President again.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD J. TRUMP,
President of the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
RE-OPENING OF THE MICHIGAN
UNION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand re-opening of the Michigan Union.

The Michigan Union is a cornerstone of the University of Michigan. Opened in 1919, the Michigan Union is one of the oldest college unions in the country. For nearly a century, the Michigan Union has given students, faculty, and members of the Ann Arbor community a space to gather, study, and socialize. Throughout the years, the Michigan Union has undergone a great deal of transformation and witnessed some of our nation's greatest historical moments. On the morning of October 14, 1960, Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy gave an impromptu speech that laid the groundwork for the Peace Corps. Later, during a visit to the University of Michigan, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. joined students in the Michigan Union to discuss his thoughts on discrimination and the future of integration in America. To carry on this impactful legacy and adapt to meet the needs of 21st century students, the Michigan Union closed in May 2018 to undergo an \$85.2 million renovation.

Today, we celebrate the Michigan Union as it opens its doors once again. While maintaining the architectural integrity of the 1919 original structure, Michigan Union has vastly remodeled internal features. Aside from technology upgrades and infrastructure renewals, the Michigan Union now includes expanded lounge and study rooms, a revolutionary idea hub, an enclosed courtyard, collaborative spaces, and a host of different food vendors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the grand re-opening of the Michigan Union. Through the historical renovation, the Michigan Union will continue to be an iconic symbol of the University of Michigan for generations to come.

HONORING JOSEPH MAYNE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Mayne. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 356, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joseph has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joseph located, plotted out, and painted mile markers

for every quarter-mile along a four-mile loop around Watkins Mill Lake in Watkins Mill State Park, allowing first responders to have some means of locating those in need of their help when an emergency call is made and for hikers to track their progress around the lake.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Mayne for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF FATHER GEORGE CLEMENTS

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, in 1971 the Congressional Black Caucus was formed by the following Members of Congress:

Representative Shirley A. Chisholm (D-NY); Representative William L. Clay, Sr. (D-MO); Representative George W. Collins (D-IL); Representative John Conyers (D-MI); Representative Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA); Representative Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D-MI); Representative Augustus F. Hawkins (D-CA); Representative Ralph H. Metcalfe (D-IL); Representative Parren J. Mitchell (D-MD); Representative Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. (D-PA); Representative Charles B. Rangel (D-NY); Representative Louis Stokes (D-OH); and Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy (D-D.C.).

Congressman William L. Clay, Sr. invited Father George Clements, Pastor of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois, to provide the Invocation for the Congressional Black Caucus' inaugural Dinner. He prayed:

"Lord, make the Congressional Black Caucus instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let Augustus Hawkins and Walter Fauntroy sow love. Where there is injury let Charles Diggs and Robert Nix bring pardon. Where there is doubt let Shirley Chisholm restore faith. Where there is despair let Ronald Dellums bring hope. Where there is darkness let Charles Diggs bring light and where there is sadness let William Clay bring joy.

"O Divine Master grant that John Conyers may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; That George Collins may not so much seek to be understood as to understand; That Louis Stokes may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

"For it is in giving that Parren Mitchell receives. It is in dying that the Congressional Black Caucus is born to eternal life."

While Father Clements was the first to provide an invocation to the Congressional Black Caucus Dinner, he also had many other "firsts" in his lifetime.

In 1945, Father Clements was the first African American graduate of Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary. He was ordained as a priest in 1957 and went on to become the first African American priest to serve at Holy Angels Parish on Chicago's South side from 1969 to 1991. He helped create programs like the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus to support African-Americans within the church.

Father Clements spearheaded the "One Church-One Child" program in 1980, which

aimed to spur Catholic churches to find adoptive parents for orphaned black children. In fact, he was the first Catholic priest to adopt a child, and later adopted 3 more sons. He also started a program for people living with drug addiction in 1944, and another for incarcerated people and their families in 1999.

Father Clements also served at other Chicago parishes, including St. Ambrose from July 1957 to July 1962, and St. Dorothy from July 1962 to June 1969. Outside of Chicago, Clements served at the Diocese of Nassau (Bahamas) from September 1991 to October 1993, and the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., from October 1993 to March 2006.

He was a longtime civil rights advocate from Chicago's Southside. He marched with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Chicago, Alabama and Mississippi. Father Clements was one of the first voices advocating for civil rights for African Americans within the Catholic Church, according to Rev. Michael Pfleger of St. Sabina Church on Chicago's South Side. His career inspired a made-for-television movie in 1989, "The Father Clements Story".

Father Clements was born "George Harold Clements" in Chicago in 1932. On Monday, November 25, 2019, Father Clements passed away at the age of 87. As a devoted priest, human and civil rights activist, and trailblazer, he will surely be missed by the communities he served.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
DENNY CHEN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Denny Chen, a beloved member of California's 33rd Congressional District, who passed away at the age of 81 on November 15, 2019 in Torrance, California. Denny's dental practice has served South Bay residents for more than 30 years.

Born on November 24, 1937 in Taiwan's Sanxia District, Denny graduated from Keelung High School and attended Taiwan's National Defense Medical University. Denny then served as a naval officer in the Republic of China Navy for 10 years before starting a private dental practice in 1969 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Denny moved his family to the United States in 1978, where he enrolled at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. He received his degree and opened his dental practice in Torrance in 1981, where he served the South Bay community for 33 years until his retirement in 2014. Denny's family moved to Rancho Palos Verdes in 1989.

Whether playing golf, ballroom dancing, or singing, Denny enjoyed the wonderful life he led and the people with whom he spent it. Denny is survived by his wife, Salina; stepson, Ben, and his wife, May; son, Peter, and his wife, Cindy; and three grandchildren: Kirk, Mark, and Priscilla. May his memory be a blessing to all the patients he cared for over the years and lives he touched in the community.

HONORING THE 97TH BIRTHDAY OF JAMES A. ST. JULIEN, SR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 97th Birthday of World War II Veteran, Mr. James A. St. Julien, Sr.—also known as “PawPaw.”

Born on January 9, 1923, Mr. St. Julien is a lifelong New Orleanian and was raised in the 7th Ward. He is a proud member of the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Prior to her transition nearly 10 years ago, he was married to his beloved wife Mrs. Selma St. Julien for 67 years. Additionally, he is the father of 11 children: 9 girls and 2 boys and has over 35 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren, 10 great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

As a World War II Veteran, Mr. St. Julien participated in several campaigns and theaters. The American Theater of WWII, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of WWII, and the Battle of the Philippines. In the 766 Engineering Company, Mr. St. Julien cleared the pathway for the landings on the island of Leyte. A force of 700 vessels and 174,000 men accompanied these landings. On July 5, 1945, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur announced the liberation of the Philippines. Shortly after the end of WWII, Mr. St. Julien was honorably discharged and separated from the U.S. Army on December 18, 1945.

Mr. St. Julien's military service to our country is truly admirable. He is a leader and role model in the community. His 97th Birthday deserves to be celebrated and I am honored to join in its celebration. I thank Mr. St. Julien for his service, and I wish him many more birthdays.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the 97th Birthday of a proud World War II Veteran, Mr. James A. St. Julien, Sr.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE WALSH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joe Walsh, who passed away on December 28, 2019 after a lifetime of service to his country.

Joe was born on March 18, 1919 in East Orange, New Jersey. After enlisting in the Marines in 1938, Joe served in the Marine Corps' Third Defense Battalion at the Navy Yard in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He was attending a morning color guard ceremony when the attack began. He helped man three anti-aircraft guns to shoot down the invading planes.

Joe believed that “the guys who were over there who didn't make it back deserved to be remembered.” Joe was the last surviving member and cofounder of the Pearl Harbor Survivor Association's North County Chapter 31. Since 1986, he organized an annual memorial at Oceanside Harbor on the anniversary

of the Pearl Harbor bombing. He attended his last memorial service two weeks before he passed.

I was honored to meet Joe and his wife Bea to celebrate his 100th birthday. Bea was one of 23,000 women who enlisted in the Marines during the war. She was a member of the Aviation Women's Reserve Squadron 21 at Quantico, Virginia. Joe and Bea were married for 73 years and have six children.

Joe Walsh lived an incredible and full life. He could talk to anyone and somehow make them laugh. He was a dedicated husband, parent, and friend. We are grateful for his service to his country and his contributions to the Southern California community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Vote No. 430 at the end of the series on June 27, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:
NO on Roll Call No. 430.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 112TH AN- NIVERSARY OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCOR- PORATED

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 112th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It is my honor and privilege to recognize its years of distinguished service to communities throughout Michigan.

Since its founding on the campus of Howard University on January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has been steadfast in its mission “to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of ‘Service to All Mankind.’” The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are known for their excellent academic prowess, dedicated leadership skills, and commitment to advocacy and community service. Through its wide breadth of programs, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority endeavors to develop innovative programs to address significant community issues regarding education, health, family, the arts, technology, and economics.

Over a century later, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is still celebrated as one of the most distinguished Greek-letter organizations today. Its nearly 300,000 members are recognized as leaders who strive to make a difference and effect change. Today, chapters are active in the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Washtenaw and continue to provide essential programs and services to our community's youth and seniors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the 112th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. This significant milestone serves as a testament to the sorority's unrelenting commitment to community service, academic excellence, and empowerment. We are grateful for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's impact and wish it continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING DAKOTA CARSON TERHUNE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dakota Carson Terhune. Dakota is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dakota has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dakota has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dakota has earned the rank of Firebuilder and is a member of the Lone Bear Council in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Dakota has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dakota constructed a 24-foot gazebo with seating as part of an outdoor classroom at Parkview Elementary School in Cameron, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dakota Carson Terhune for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America, and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE BRAVERY OF KYSHAUNE LINDSAY

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and heroism of Kyshaune Lindsay, a fifteen-year-old from Phoenix who recently saved the life of a man in a burning building.

Kyshaune was playing basketball outside when he saw his neighbor fleeing her home. His neighbor, Cindy Nunez, told him that her house was on fire and that her brother, who is paralyzed and bedridden, was trapped inside without access to his wheelchair. Upon hearing that Cindy could not physically pick up her brother to bring him out of the house, Kyshaune did not hesitate to make his way inside and help the man, lifting him into his chair to get him to safety.

Marcos Marquez, the man that Kyshaune rescued, described him as a “true hero.” His selflessness and courage in the face of real danger are remarkable, as is his humility in the aftermath of the event.

I wish to express my admiration for the bravery that Kyshaune Lindsay displayed through his actions—an admiration that is shared not only by Marcos Marquez and his family but by the entire Phoenix community. I am confident that Kyshaune will continue to do great things in the future. He is truly a role model for people of all ages.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. I missed roll call vote No. 01. Had I been present to answer roll call No. 01, I would have answered "PRESENT".

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES SERVING IN SENSITIVE POSITIONS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, as hundreds of thousands of our federal workers face uncertainty in wages and work, I introduce a bill to clarify certain due process rights of federal employees serving in sensitive positions. This bill would overturn an unprecedented federal court decision, *Kaplan v. Conyers and MSPB*, which stripped many federal employees of the right to independent review of an agency decision removing them from jobs on grounds of ineligibility. The case was brought by two Department of Defense (DOD) employees, Rhonda Conyers, an accounting technician, and Devon Northover, a commissary management specialist, who were permanently demoted and suspended from their jobs after they were found to be no longer eligible to serve in noncritical sensitive positions. In 2014, the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, which allowed the decision to stand. This bill is cosponsored by Representative ANDRE CARSON.

Specifically, the decision prevents federal workers who are designated as "noncritical sensitive" from appealing to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) if they are removed from their jobs. Noncritical sensitive jobs include those that do not have access to classified information. The decision would affect at least 200,000 DOD employees who are designated as noncritical sensitive. Even more seriously, most federal employees could potentially lose the same right to an independent review of an agency's decision because of a rule by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), which went into effect in July 2015, that permits agency heads to designate most jobs in the federal government as noncritical sensitive.

The Kaplan decision undercuts Title 5, section 7701 of the Civil Service Act, which en-

forces due process rights for federal workers required by the U.S. Constitution. Stripping employees whose work does not involve classified matters of the right of review of an agency decision that removes them from their jobs opens entirely new avenues for unreviewable, arbitrary action or retaliation by an agency head and, in addition, makes a mockery of whistleblower protections enacted in the 112th Congress. Our bill would stop the use of "national security" to repeal a vital component of civil service protection and of due process.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 692 and NAY on Roll Call No. 691.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Vote No. 174 at the end of the series on May 1, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NO on Roll Call No. 174.

HONORING ALAN TANDY ON HIS RETIREMENT AS CITY MANAGER OF BAKERSFIELD

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan Tandy, a constituent and the long-time City Manager of the City of Bakersfield, California, which I represent. Alan is retiring from his current position after 27 years of dedicated service to our community.

Alan earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Oregon and received a Master of Arts in Municipal Administration from the University of Iowa. Before starting his tenure at the City of Bakersfield, Alan balanced budgets and learned best government practices in Montana, Wyoming, and Ohio. Alan is Bakersfield's longest-serving city manager and has been an integral part of numerous city projects.

Some notable projects during Alan's tenure include construction of the Rabobank Arena and Convention Center and the adjoining Marriott Hotel, the McMurtrey Aquatic Center, and the Park at River Walk. Alan was always enthusiastic about his work and did what was in the best interest for the people of Bakersfield. His love for our city remains apparent; in the wake of his retirement, he ensured the projects he had helped plan were completed before stepping down. The Thomas Roads Im-

provement Program, a \$1.4 billion collaborative project to improve transportation throughout Bakersfield will streamline transportation with new highways and bridges.

During his tenure, Bakersfield transformed into one of the fastest growing cities in California and Alan's legacy of improving infrastructure and quality of life is visible in every part of Bakersfield. Alan's work as City Manager has earned him impressive awards and accolades, including the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for 19 years.

After years of service to our community, Alan's retirement is well-deserved and I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Kathleen, their children, Sarah, Jared, and Krista, as he begins this new chapter in his life. However, if I know Alan, I know that he will remain an active member of the Bakersfield community. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I want to thank Alan for all his hard work and dedication over the past 27 years to helping make Bakersfield the city it is today.

HONORING NICHOLAS JAMES STEINKAMP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas James Steinkamp. Nicholas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nicholas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas James Steinkamp for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MS. ANITA BOURN FOR 30 YEARS AS A CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my very own, Ms. Anita Faye Bourn, for thirty years of dedicated service as a congressional staffer. Anita's career with the U.S. House of Representatives began in 1989 when my predecessor, Gene Taylor, won the special election. Anita was hired on as a secretary, but quickly found her niche through constituent services. When I first took office in 2010, I had the opportunity to carry

over staff from the previous administration. Anita was an obvious choice and to this day, has proven to be one of my most trusted staffers.

Anita was born and raised in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, with family, faith, and music at her epicenter. She would say her mother, Christine Bourn, is the heart and soul of the family. She has two sons, and a niece, to whom she is known as "Tee-Tee". Anita also claims a host of brothers and sisters in Christ through her church family at Shady Grove Baptist Church. Anita is a longtime member of the church music ministry and is deservedly considered the resident "rock star". I can attest to this as I have had the privilege of hearing her beautiful rendition of "God Bless America".

Anita's musical career officially began at the age of 12, when she started playing piano during church services. Since then, Anita has served as Director of the inspirational choir, the senior adult choir, and the men's chorus, while also directing the annual Easter and Christmas programs. Recently, Anita was nominated as the Choir Director of the Year at the Gulf Coast Gospel Music Awards. Whether she is serving my constituents, or ministering to her community, Anita pours her heart into each of her endeavors.

In a few words, Anita is faith-filled, compassionate, vibrant, and a true expert in her field. I could not ask for a better representative among my staff. To close, I would like to share one of Anita's favorite bible verses, Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose". Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity

to express my gratitude to Ms. Anita Bourn for thirty exceptional years.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 14

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to markup H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the

United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

SD-608

JANUARY 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine industries of the future.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an update on implementation of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, and subcommittee assignments.

SD-430