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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to congratulate a very significant and historic high school, Jack Yates High School. Jack Yates High School was founded by the founding father, if you will, of the African American community in Houston, Freedmen's Town.

He is the founder of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. He is respected at Texas Southern University, and today they announced in a public school that they will implement an international baccalaureate.

In the midst of the tumultuous times that we have, how important it is that high school students will be engaged in discussions of peace, diplomacy, understanding world engagement, understanding the value of languages and being diverse, recognizing the wonderful experiment of the United States founded by those who fled persecution and indicated in the Constitution we have organized to create a more perfect union.

The more young people, more minorities that we can get in programs like an international baccalaureate where they will come out with that document and be ready to perch on the leadership role is outstanding.

To Jack Yates High School, I salute you. You are mighty. You are important, and God bless you.

#### CELEBRATING KELLY'S ANGELS ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Kelly's Angels on their 10-year anniversary. This charitable organization has been serving the children of the Capital Region of New York for the past decade.

After Kelly Mulholland, a local teacher and mother of two from my district, tragically lost her battle with cancer in 2007 at the age of 37, her husband, Mark, founded Kelly's Angels in her honor.

Their mission is to provide grants for children in upstate New York who have lost parents or siblings to cancer or other illnesses. Children receive fund grants to use for whatever the child can dream up.

The goal of these grants is to bring a smile to a child's face, create positive new memories, and help with the healing process.

Kelly's Angels has worked with countless families in our local communities over the past decade, and their work continues to have a positive impact on so many lives.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate and thank Mark, his children, McKenna and Connor, and the entire Kelly's Angels team for achieving this milestone.

I thank them for their amazing work. We are so proud of them.

#### STOP TRUMP'S WAR WITH IRAN

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Madam Speaker, President Trump has committed an illegal and unconstitutional act of war, pushing our Nation headlong into a war with Iran without any authorization from Congress, a war that would be so costly and devastating, it would make our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan look like a picnic.

In doing so, he has undermined our national security in two critical ways: number one, Iran is no longer complying with the Iran nuclear agreement and is quickly speeding forward in developing their nuclear weapons capability, putting us and the world at greater risk.

Number two, our troops in Iraq are no longer focusing on preventing a resurgence of ISIS and al-Qaida. Instead, all of their efforts are now focused on Iranian forces and Iranian-backed Shia militias.

Congress must act today to stop further escalation of this war. Vote "yes" on H. Con. Res. 83 to uphold the Constitution which we all took an oath to support. Vote "yes" to stop Trump's war with Iran.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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#### HIGHLIGHTING SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION BOARD

(Mr. BUDD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight one of the most rewarding responsibilities I have as a Member of Congress: the honor of nominating students to the service academies.

This past weekend, I met with my Service Academy Nomination Board for North Carolina's 13th Congressional District to begin the review process. This year's board includes Mr. Ronald Hope of Advance, Mr. Matt Reyes of Mooresville, Mr. Doug Lain of High Point, Mrs. Rayne Brown of Lexington, Mr. Wayne Davidson of Greensboro, Mr. John Sherden of Mocksville, and Mr. Frank Pugh of Greensboro.

I am grateful that these individuals sacrificed their time and effort to help review applications, interview candidates, and recommend qualified individuals for the nominations. I look forward to announcing our nominees in the coming weeks.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking the members of our board and all the applicants who want to serve our great country.

#### PREVENTING WAR WITH IRAN

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I am here to condemn the President's hostile actions against Iran that led us to the brink of war.

President Trump had no legal justification to launch an attack against Iran. The President's dangerous provocation was unlawful and unconstitutional, and Congress must assert its sole authority to declare war. His actions made America less safe.

Today, I will be voting for a War Powers Resolution to check the President's use of military action against Iran. But the need for Congress to reassert its authority does not end there. We must repeal the 2002 AUMF and prevent the administration from engaging in an unauthorized war by restricting funding from being used to wage war against Iran.

We must not yield to the voices of extreme hawks that see war as the only answer. We must not go to war with Iran.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### RECOGNIZING U.S. ASTRONAUT CHRISTINA KOCH

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, as a North Carolinian and member of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I take great joy today in rising to recognize United States astronaut Christina Koch.

Christina grew up in eastern North Carolina in Jacksonville and graduated from the prestigious North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. She later earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from N.C. State.

On December 28, 2019, Christina set the record for the longest continuous spaceflight by a female. She surpassed the previous record of 288 days achieved by fellow astronaut Peggy Whitson. She is now at 300 days and counting. In addition, Christina participated in the first all-female space walk on October 18 alongside fellow astronaut Jessica Meir.

She is, without a doubt, one of the most accomplished people in North Carolina's history. Christina has made her country, her State, and all of eastern North Carolina proud. I wish her luck on her continuous voyage amongst the stars. We look forward to her safe return to Earth in February.

#### SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN VETERANS

(Ms. BROWNLEY of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in support of my bill, the Women Veterans TRUST Act, a bill that aims to address the need for women-specific programs that treat veterans with drug and alcohol dependency.

The over 2 million women veterans who live in the United States face unique challenges that far too often are not appropriately addressed. Women veterans have higher rates of post-traumatic stress that can lead to substance abuse. Tragically, women veterans with substance-use disorders often have higher rates of suicide than their nonveteran peers.

To address this crisis, women-specific programs make all the difference. As chair of the Women's Veterans Task Force, I have heard how critical these treatment programs are to saving lives.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to cosponsor this important bill to ensure our Nation's women veterans have the resources and programs they need to thrive.

#### SEND ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT TO SENATE

(Mr. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pose a simple question to my colleagues: Are we, as a body, subject to the rules in the Constitution? The answer is: Of course we are.

However, Speaker PELOSI has chosen to ignore the Constitution and go rogue. Last month, she stood on this very floor and told us how important it is that we impeach the President immediately. Now, outrageously, she claims for herself new powers never contemplated by the Constitution.

By not transferring the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate, Speaker PELOSI has claimed for herself the authority to veto any bill passed by this House with no possibility of override. This is a monstrous abuse of her position and an outright attack on the trust of the American people.

Clearly, she knows the impeachment process has been a sham all along and will fail in the Senate. I urge the Speaker to do her job and move the articles to the Senate immediately.

#### ACT TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

(Ms. FRANKEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I am holding in my hand a pill cutter. Pharmacists tell me that it is one of the most popular gadgets in the drugstore.

Why? Because many prescription drugs are so unaffordable that, at the expense of their health, Americans are

cutting their pills in half. Even some folks who have insurance go to the counter with a prescription and leave empty-handed because they can't afford the copay.

That is why Democrats passed H.R. 3 that will give Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies, lowering the cost of the most expensive drugs for all Americans and stopping pharmaceutical companies from charging more for drugs that are cheaper in other countries. The new law would also set limits on prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries while delivering them vision, dental, and hearing care.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Senate to take up and pass this lifesaving bill.

#### COMMENDING PRESIDENT TRUMP ON IRAN ACTIONS

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, last week, President Trump used his authority and took clear, decisive action to protect American lives.

By eradicating Iran's top terrorist, he sent a clear message to our enemies that the Obama days of appeasement are over, and America will, once again, stand up to terrorists. We cannot allow another Benghazi.

However, I am in disbelief that some Members of this body are finding ways to blame President Trump for the current situation in Iran.

Fact one, Iran's regime has been an enemy of America since 1979. In recent months, they have shot down U.S. drones, attacked oil tankers, shot rockets at our bases, and attacked and tried to take over our embassy. Taking out Soleimani was a long-overdue action to make the world a safer place and protect American lives.

Fact two, President Trump does not want war. Yesterday, while addressing the Nation, President Trump made clear there is a path forward with peace for Iran if they are willing to set aside their nuclear ambitions.

This is personal for me. My son and his family currently serve in an embassy abroad in a war-torn land. I want to thank President Trump for protecting my family and our women and men in uniform abroad.

#### CALLING FOR COHERENT STRATEGY ON IRAN

(Mr. TED LIEU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise because it is one of the highest forms of patriotism to speak out when a government engages in reckless military action that could lead us to war.

I previously served in Active Duty in the United States military, and the

goal of any military action should be to make us more safe, not less safe.

Unfortunately, as a result of Donald Trump's impulsive decisionmaking, the following negative consequences have happened. Iran is no longer abiding by any limits on its nuclear program. The Iranian people who previously were protesting their own leadership have now rallied behind their government. The Iraqi parliament recently voted to kick U.S. troops out of their country, one of the goals of Iran. And we have had to stop counterterrorism actions against ISIS.

This was a lose-lose-lose decision. We don't need the President to make any more reckless decisions. We don't need him to tweet out flag pictures. We need the President to articulate a coherent Iran strategy, which he still has failed to do.

#### HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS EDWARD KRAMER

(Mr. WALKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of our fallen servicemembers in Iraq, Sergeant First Class Edward Kramer.

Sergeant Kramer was a North Carolina National Guard soldier killed in action by an IED on his last day of combat operations while he was deployed to Iraq, leaving a family and young children behind.

General Soleimani's brutal reign of terror was responsible for the deployment of the IEDs that killed and wounded soldiers such as Sergeant First Class Kramer. In fact, Soleimani's reign of terror killed and wounded over 600 servicemembers in Iraq.

We can never fully repay the families of our fallen soldiers, but we can seek justice. Terrorism must never prevail over American freedom and identity.

#### CONSTRAIN IRAN THROUGH DIPLOMACY

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, America does not need or want a war with Iran.

There are no political objectives we can reasonably achieve through force, and the President must not be allowed to fabricate a pretext for a conflict that will leave America, our allies, and the whole region less safe. But that is what he has been doing since tearing up the Iran nuclear deal and beginning a campaign of maximum pressure.

Today's War Powers Resolution reasserts Congress' authority to declare war and imposes crucial restrictions on the President; namely, he cannot start a war without demonstrating an actual threat. This is something the administration has failed to do, according to