

from Mississippi State University, then received his Masters from the University of Mississippi before answering the call to serve our great nation in the United States Army during WWII.

On August 22, 1948, Buster married Billie Faye South, and they remained together for over 63 years. Buster's love for basketball brought him back to Belmont High School where he became a basketball coach. He also coached at both Kossuth High School in Corinth, Mississippi and Thrasher High School in Booneville, Mississippi. In 1962, Buster began coaching at Itawamba Junior College in Fulton, Mississippi, and led the team to multiple State Finals. He left his coaching career in 1975 and started his career with Davis Ford. He stayed with Ford for over 55 years.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters: Pam Davis Horton of Birmingham, Alabama, and Patti Davis Bennett of Fulton, Mississippi; his grandchildren, great-grand children, as well as many friends and extended family members.

Buster's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all who he encountered.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE SPITZER SPACE TELESCOPE

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) mission managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), the Spitzer Space Telescope. After 16 years of discovering hidden truths of our Universe, Spitzer will be retired on January 30, 2020.

Designed to study the cold, old and dusty, Spitzer was launched in August of 2003 and used its sensitive sensors to study infrared light emitted by celestial bodies and cosmic objects from our own solar system to the furthest reaches of the Universe. Spitzer returned data on space phenomena from asteroids to the most distant galaxies ever detected whose light was emitted 13.4 billion years ago when the universe was less than 5 percent of its current age. It discovered the largest ring around Saturn made of dust particles, identified the first Buckyballs in space, found distant blackholes and mapped out our Milky Way with unprecedented clarity. Spitzer gave us a view beyond the gas and dust clouds to study the youngest stars and the ingredients to create planets, comets and other components of our solar system.

As with many NASA missions, the telescope operated much longer than expected and has a long list of accomplishments beyond the mission's original science goals. Undoubtedly, one of Spitzer's greatest discoveries was seven Earth-size planets in around the star TRAPPIST-1. Spitzer enabled scientists to study exoplanets and identify atmospheric molecules, temperature variations, and wind speed.

As Spitzer is safely retired in deep space orbit far from Earth, the legacy of the mission will be continued by the James Webb Space Telescope, which will also conduct infrared astronomy based on Spitzer's pioneering and

trailblazing work in infrared light. The massive amount of data collected by Spitzer has been used in over 8,700 scientific publications and its data will continue to be available to the scientific community around the world for future research.

I have great appreciation and pride for the countless personnel that have worked to ensure that Spitzer operated with precision, from design to data analysis, that allowed Spitzer to study the Universe with infrared light. The numerous discoveries made move us closer to shedding light on the profound mysteries of our Universe. I ask all members to join me in honoring the achievements of the Spitzer Space Telescope and the hard-working individuals and organizations that made Spitzer's mission so successful.

#### CONGRATULATING DR. JEAN G. CHAMPOMMIER ON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jean G. Champommier on his retirement from a distinguished career in community organizing and social work. He has dedicated his life to creating programs that improve the lives of those in underserved communities throughout Los Angeles County.

Dr. Champommier began his career in social work during the 1960s when he took on a field-work placement at the Kennedy Child Study Center in Santa Monica. Through this position, he worked with children with developmental disabilities and their families, solidifying his passion for helping his neighbors and his community.

Since 1983, Dr. Champommier has served as the Executive Director, and later President/CEO, of Alma Family Services. This agency provides communities throughout Los Angeles County with multilingual and multicultural services, including helping families and individuals cope with substance abuse, emotional difficulties, and developmental challenges. Through his role at Alma, he expanded the agency's first contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and oversaw Alma's growth as a provider of community-integrated social programs. During his tenure, Alma has added social rehabilitation programs for child abuse, gang prevention and reduction programs, and has grown to 16 sites throughout Los Angeles County. In 2015, Dr. Champommier was appointed by County Supervisor Hilda Solis to Los Angeles' Public Health Commission. Eventually serving as chair of the Commission, he supervised the Public Health Department's programs and made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to ensure that community input was heard in matters of public health.

Dr. Champommier's impact stretches outside his field work and into the classroom. He has taught courses in child welfare and community organization at UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Northridge, and Cal State L.A., and has also been an instructor in social work for USC and UCLA. Additionally, he has coordinated conferences on youth empowerment and farm labor for UC Santa Barbara Extension.

Dr. Champommier's career demonstrates his admirable dedication and service to his community. I thank him for his 40 years of contributions to Los Angeles and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

#### IN HONOR OF JOHN ROBERT MILLER

#### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of World War II veteran John Robert Miller of Barren County, Kentucky.

After growing up in Freedom, Kentucky, John Robert volunteered for the Army when he was just eighteen years old in June 1941. He served in the Pacific theater until World War II concluded in 1945. During his Army service, John Robert rose to the rank of technical sergeant in an artillery unit, and he witnessed General Douglas MacArthur stepping off the landing craft to make his triumphant return to the Philippines.

Following his service in the Army, John Robert became a fixture in the Barren County community. He married his wife Christine in 1945, and they were married for 67 years until her death in 2013. John Robert was a farmer with hogs, corn, and tobacco, and he also worked as a crop insurance adjuster. John Robert served as a Magistrate on the Barren County Fiscal Court for three years, and he has served as an Election Commissioner since 1993. In 2016, John Robert was awarded the Patriot Award by Barren County Veteran's Association, and he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Honor for Barren County Schools.

I thank John Robert for his service to our country and to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING LEXI RODRIGUEZ FOR BEING NAMED THE 2019-2020 GATORADE ILLINOIS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lexi Rodriguez, a junior from Sterling High School, who was named the 2019-2020 Gatorade Illinois Volleyball Player of the Year.

Lexi led the Golden Warriors to a 36-6 record and a second win at Class 3A State Championships this year. Showing her dedication to sports, she also took part of this season to help Team USA win a gold medal at the FIVB Girls U18 World Championships in Egypt. In addition, she is a three-year class president and a youth volleyball coach. As a former athlete, I commend her for her determination and attitude. Lexi is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see her represent Sterling so well throughout the state and the country with her talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Lexi that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam

Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Lexi Rodriguez on being named the 2019–2020 Gatorade Illinois Volleyball Player of the Year.

## NEVER AGAIN EDUCATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of H.R. 943, the Never Again Education Act.

Monday, we recognized International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which marks 75 years since the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp. The Holocaust is a crime without parallel. And how we deal with its memory defines us as a people and as a country.

As we look back at one of the darkest chapters in history, it is also our duty to look forward.

Antisemitism is on the rise and hatred and intolerance seem to spread unchecked. This cannot stand. As we honor the memory of those who came before us, we must recommit ourselves to securing a bright future for the next generation.

To ensure this, we must continue to educate younger generations on the atrocities of the Holocaust and how it could occur. That is why I strongly support H.R. 943. It is critical that the Department of Education provide the funds needed for schools to implement Holocaust education programs into their curriculum, so students understand the history of the Holocaust. I urge the Senate to pass this bill immediately.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 28, 2020 due to National Guard obligations.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 25, NAY on Roll Call No. 26, and YEA on Roll Call No. 27.

## RECOGNIZING JOHN JOHNSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House Armed Services Committee, I rise to honor and express gratitude to Mr. John Johnson for his illustrious career serving his country upon his retirement. Known as JJ to his friends and family, his long career is marked with distinction and praise from his colleagues who consider him an exemplary patriot and an embodiment of what it means to dedicate one's life to service.

Born in Georgetown, South Carolina, Mr. Johnson's service to our country started in 1969 when he joined the U.S. Air Force. He served in the prestigious Air Force Honor Guard and, later, in the Air Force Legislative Liaison Office at the Pentagon, rising to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. After 20 years of service, Mr. Johnson retired from the Air Force but chose to stay in Washington to join the Capitol Hill Police Department, where he served for another 20 years. During his four decades of service, he supported over 100 Congressional Delegation trips and served in every Presidential Inauguration since President Nixon.

In 2009, Mr. Johnson retired from the Capitol Police but again chose to serve the public by joining the House Armed Services Committee. Over the past decade, he has supported the Committee with all hearings, meetings, and events. He has been an instrumental part of the committee's staff and although he kept a low profile, his impact is deeply felt and is a testament to his invaluable work and contribution. His presence will be sorely missed by his many colleagues who consider him a close friend, mentor, and inspiration.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and thank John Johnson for his many years of service to this country and the House Armed Services Committee. I wish him a happy retirement, to be enjoyed with his friends and family.

## CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAPERVILLE FIRE STATION 10

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of Naperville Fire Station 10. Opened in 2010, Fire Station 10 has allowed the Naperville Fire Department (NFD) to provide greater service to the citizens of Southwestern Naperville. It is also the first fire station in Naperville to receive a leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, reflecting the NFD's commitment to sustainable decision-making.

The NFD provides fire protection for more than 146,000 people and employs 200 full-time personnel. I would like to thank the Naperville Fire Department and all Naperville emergency service workers for the lifesaving work they do for our community.

## WHY IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT MATTERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 28, 2020*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the Government Accountability Office's January 16, 2020 legal opinion finding that the Trump Administration's Office of Management and Budget violated the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 by withholding foreign aid. I am submitting this in the RECORD

to help inform the public of the Administration's systematic disregard of Congress' constitutional authority, separation of powers principles, and the Impoundment Control Act.

GAO DECISION

Matter of: Office of Management and Budget—Withholding of Ukraine Security Assistance.

File: B-331564.

Date: January 16, 2020.

DIGEST

In the summer of 2019, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) withheld from obligation funds appropriated to the Department of Defense (DOD) for security assistance to Ukraine. In order to withhold the funds, OMB issued a series of nine apportionment schedules with footnotes that made all unobligated balances unavailable for obligation. Faithful execution of the law does not permit the President to substitute his own policy priorities for those that Congress has enacted into law. OMB withheld funds for a policy reason, which is not permitted under the Impoundment Control Act (ICA). The withholding was not a programmatic delay. Therefore, we conclude that OMB violated the ICA.

DECISION

In the summer of 2019, OMB withheld from obligation approximately \$214 million appropriated to DOD for security assistance to Ukraine. See Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-245, div. A, title IX, §9013, 132 Stat. 2981, 3044-45 (Sept. 28, 2018). OMB withheld amounts by issuing a series of nine apportionment schedules with footnotes that made all unobligated balances for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI) unavailable for obligation. See Letter from General Counsel, OMB, to General Counsel, GAO (Dec. 11, 2019) (OMB Response), at 1-2. Pursuant to our role under the ICA, we are issuing this decision. Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-344, title X, §1015, 88 Stat. 297, 336 (July 12, 1974), codified at 2 U.S.C. §686. As explained below, we conclude that OMB withheld the funds from obligation for an unauthorized reason in violation of the ICA. See 2 U.S.C. §684. We also question actions regarding funds appropriated to the Department of State (State) for security assistance to Ukraine.

OMB removed the footnote from the apportionment for the USAI funds on September 12, 2019. OMB Response, at 2. Prior to their expiration, Congress then rescinded and reappropriated the funds. Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, Pub. L. No. 116-59, div. A, §124(b), 133 Stat. 1093, 1098 (Sept. 27, 2019).

In accordance with our regular practice, we contacted OMB, the Executive Office of the President, and DOD to seek factual information and their legal views on this matter. GAO, *Procedures and Practices for Legal Decisions and Opinions*, GAO-06-1064SP (Washington, D.C.: Sept. 2006), available at [www.gao.gov/products/GAO-06-1064SP](http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-06-1064SP); Letter from General Counsel, GAO, to Acting Director and General Counsel, OMB (Nov. 25, 2019); Letter from General Counsel, GAO, to Acting Chief of Staff and Counsel to the President, Executive Office of the President (Nov. 25, 2019); Letter from General Counsel, GAO, to Secretary of Defense and General Counsel, DOD (Nov. 25, 2019).

OMB provided a written response letter and certain apportionment schedules for security assistance funding for Ukraine. OMB Response (written letter); OMB Response, Attachment (apportionment schedule). The Executive Office of the President responded to our request by referring to the letter we had received from OMB and providing that