

that General Flynn had lied intentionally during the investigation, the disgraced Special Counsel Mueller and his team disregarded this and moved ahead with the dubious charges, ratcheting up the pressure by even threatening to charge General Flynn's son, aided and abetted by the shamefully biased U.S. District Judge Sullivan.

What emerges from the evidence at hand is a shameful and chilling account of attempted entrapment by the federal government against an innocent man with a long history of serving his country. I commend Sydney Powell for her fortitude and determination against these seemingly insurmountable odds. America is grateful for leaders like General Michael Flynn and for strong advocates of the law like Attorney Sydney Powell.

It is sad that many Democrats and their brazen mainstream media allies have become afflicted with Trump Derangement Syndrome leading to any nefarious illegality to establish the ends justify the means of the destruction of the Trump Presidency.

HONORING SARAH ETTA WORK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Etta Work as she celebrates her 100th birthday on Wednesday, May 27.

A dedicated member of her community, Mrs. Work graduated from Connellsville High School in 1938 before attending the Carnegie Institute of Technology. She managed the kitchen at Springfield Elementary School in Newville, Pennsylvania for 27 years.

Mrs. Work and her husband, Glenn, established the Mill Run Campground, now the Yogi Bear Campground in Mill Run, Pennsylvania. Today, she continues to maintain a consistent presence at the campground.

For decades, Mrs. Work has been an outstanding community member. She is a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for over 40 years. Additionally, she served as a 4-H leader for 25 years. Mrs. Work has two children, six grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Before Glenn's passing in 2007, Mr. and Mrs. Work were married for 67 years.

It's my honor to congratulate Sarah Etta Work on a century of life well-lived. I wish her a very happy 100th birthday and every continued happiness.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN DAVIS' OUTSTANDING CAREER AT THE RAINER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and thank Susan Davis for over 12 years of dedicated service to her community as Executive Director of the Rainer Chamber of Commerce.

Susan provided an invaluable service to South Seattle over the last 12 years as the Executive Director of the Rainer Chamber of Commerce. She always saw the potential in the region and worked tirelessly to celebrate diversity and bring economic prosperity. Although not originally from Washington, Susan became a heartbeat of her community.

There are few who have had a stronger dedication to South Seattle. Susan focused on improving education, economic development, and public safety. During her time as Executive Director she produced festivals and parades for the community, helped create the Southeast Seattle Map and Guide, and hosted extraordinary guests at the Chamber luncheons. Her enthusiasm and kind spirit allowed her to connect and make friends with nearly anyone.

Susan's genuine passion for giving back did not go unnoticed—and still does not. Even though Susan is no longer with the Chamber of Commerce, she is still working on projects in the neighborhood and looking for ways to contribute to her community.

The entire community will miss Susan's presence in this role, but she has created a legacy and we will continue to see the benefits of what she accomplished for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration I honor Susan Davis on her outstanding career as Executive Director of the Rainer Chamber of Commerce and the lasting impression she made on her community.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE FOR ITS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO COVID-19 RESPONSE

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representative KATIE PORTER, rise today to recognize the University of California, Irvine for its exemplary response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. UCI has always been committed to providing quality medical treatment and research to the Orange County community and improving public health nationwide. In this time of crisis, UCI's commitment to public health is nothing short of admirable.

UCI has been a leader in COVID-19 response since this threat was first recognized. Researchers and medical professionals perform extensive research, conduct clinical trials on drugs to treat the virus, test large volumes of people for the virus, and collaborate with researchers and healthcare professionals across the nation. Widespread testing is critical to tracking the spread of the coronavirus. UCI has made this a priority by testing first responders and screening physicians, staff members, and other health care providers daily. Researchers at UCI also create and produce protective shields to meet the needs of healthcare providers on the front lines and contribute sample-preserving fluid for COVID-19 test kits.

In light of this crisis, we look to institutions like UCI to provide us with the research and treatment tools to get us through this extraor-

dinary public health crisis. We are grateful for the work UCI has done to research, prevent, and treat the virus as well as educate the public on best-practices during this time.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the important work and leadership of the University of California, Irvine.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF PELL CITY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 130th Anniversary of Pell City, Alabama.

In the late 1890s, in a small community tucked midway between Birmingham and Atlanta, three railroad lines connected. The story of Pell City began when a young insurance salesman en route to Talladega missed his train, and, thus, was forced to spend a night at Pell City's Cornett Hotel. That young man's name was Sumter Cogswell.

Upon reviewing the community's location to water, cotton fields, coal mines and railroads, Mr. Cogswell decided to invest in the growth of the community. It took him two tries and upon his second try, he moved his family and household belongings to the community raising the number of people calling this area home to just over 40 people.

A textile mill was built and jobs were plentiful. In 1901, Pell City became the location of the second courthouse in St. Clair County, an act that would take an amendment to the Alabama State Constitution to complete.

In the 1960s, Logan Martin Lake and Interstate 20 added to the town's appeal, and the population increased dramatically.

In the 130 years since that fateful day when Mr. Cogswell missed his train, and with the direction and investment of visionary leaders, Pell City has continued to grow and flourish in one of the fastest growing counties of Alabama.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 130th Anniversary of Pell City, Alabama.

THANKING DAVID MANGAN FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David Mangan of Hot Springs, Arkansas for his front-line efforts to combat the COVID-19 epidemic in our home state. Due to his actions, medical professionals will now be able to research the effects of convalescent plasma on those recovering from the novel virus.

In April 2020, Mangan became the first person to donate blood plasma after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved clinical trials and use of plasma extracted from those who have survived the virus to treat those who are currently battling COVID-19.

After contracting the virus on his way home to Arkansas from a ski trip, Mangan and his

wife soon realized the severity of their symptoms, quarantining themselves for 14 days and learning of their positive tests. While he has recovered from the illness, Mangan knew that his plasma could be the life-saving difference for someone else facing this virus. During a visit to the Arkansas Blood Institute, Mangan donated over 600 milliliters of yellow plasma to be donated to the cause.

David Mangan is truly an example of heroism in a time of great need. He exemplifies the strength of a survivor and the heart of a true servant. I take this time to wish him and his family well in the coming days and thank them for their commitment to seeing our communities thrive and return to good health.

SECRETARY POMPEO IN ISRAEL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for traveling to Israel this week, his first international trip in nearly two months amid the ongoing Wuhan Virus pandemic. The trip coincided with the two-year anniversary of President Trump fulfilling his campaign and implementing U.S. law by relocating the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal unified capital. I was grateful to lead the House Delegation with Senator Lindsey Graham, Vice President Mike Pence, Ivanka Trump, and Jared Kushner for the opening of the new embassy with Ambassador David Friedman as President Trump fulfilled "Promises Made, Promises Kept." Secretary Pompeo's trip also coincided with the 72nd anniversary of the Israel's Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948. The timing of the visit, especially given today's circumstances, sends a clear message to our valued allies and friends in Israel: the United States will unequivocally stand by your side.

Secretary Pompeo's visit also comes as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his political rival Knesset Speaker Benny Gantz are in midst of forming a unity government after over a year of political stalemate that has paralyzed the Israeli government. This new unity government will be especially significant as it will take the first steps to realize President Trump's bold and unprecedented "Peace to Prosperity" Middle East peace plan coordinated by Jared Kushner.

President Trump's plan, unveiled in January 2020, offers a fresh opportunity to restart final status negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. This new plan includes many incentives for both sides, including an Israeli settlement freeze for four years, land swaps for both sides, and \$50 billion in new investment in the Palestinian territories.

While Israel has indicated a willingness to restart the negotiations, the Palestinian side has unfortunately categorically rebuffed President Trump's plan, in line with their rejectionist track-record. I am grateful for the Trump Administration's efforts to restart negotiations for Middle East peace, and I beseech both sides to take this opportunity for a new, hopeful future seriously.

Undoubtedly another high priority item on Secretary Pompeo's agenda in Israel is the

persistent threat to Israel and indeed the stability and security of the entire region, posed by Iran's sponsorship of terrorism and its development of ballistic missiles. The threat will unfortunately be compounded in October of this year, when the United Nations arms embargo on Iran expires pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 2231.

Not only does its expiration allow Iran to buy potentially game-changing military hardware and technology, it also weakens and effectively eliminates the legal architecture that has underpinned international efforts to restrict Iran's ability to transfer weapons to their proxies. I'm grateful that Secretary Pompeo and President Trump have made coordination of security with Israel a top priority in light of this growing threat.

Secretary Pompeo's visit to Israel this week is yet another indication of the Trump Administration's strong support for our valued ally, Israel. It is a strong sign that this Administration will not forsake our allies and will always stand with the people of Israel to face any challenge side-by-side.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF TYLER KENT, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE DETAILEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise to honor Mr. Tyler Kent upon the conclusion of his service to the Committee as a Detailee from the Government Accountability Office.

Since joining the Committee one year ago, Mr. Kent has made valuable contributions to our work by sharing his considerable expertise on government operations and transportation and maritime security issues. He has served as a reliable resource to our staff and significantly advanced our legislative and oversight efforts. In particular, during his tenure on the Committee, Mr. Kent was deeply involved in our oversight of the implementation of the TSA Modernization Act. Additionally, he helped identify solutions for supporting the Transportation Security Administration workforce which were integral to the House passage of the Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020 earlier this year.

Throughout his time on the Committee, Mr. Kent has displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing Members of Congress and staff valuable insight and information. Mr. Kent has demonstrated commendable dedication, enthusiasm, and good humor, which has helped all of us enormously.

We thank Mr. Kent for his service to the Committee and our country and wish him the very best as he returns to the Government Accountability Office.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RENEE KAPCHUK GRUTMAN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of my dear friend and constituent, Renee Kapchuk Grutman.

For decades, Ms. Grutman served as a fierce advocate for Broward County's children. Renee found her life-long home in our public schools and was an educational and PTA superstar at her core. She faithfully and voluntarily served in numerous PTA council board positions and worked vigorously in pursuit of the optimum educational experience for every Broward County public school student.

The word "no" was not in Renee's vocabulary. She helped plan, fund, and organize every council event including trainings, meetings, awards banquets, conventions, student programs, and holidays to name a few.

She was affectionately known as The Partnership Queen, using her can-do spirit and infectious optimism to secure partnerships, funding, and assistance for school activities—activities that would not be possible if not for Renee's passion, determination, and support. She was a champion in every sense of the word.

Renee was a dear friend who embodied the best of what it means to give back to your community. She was a selfless, compassionate, and a tireless advocate for others and will be profoundly missed but never forgotten.

My heart is with her children, grandchildren, and all her extended family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, although I continue to work on behalf of the people, businesses, and communities of Contra Costa during this difficult time, I regret that I was unable to vote on Friday, May 15, 2020 due to my ongoing recovery from non-COVID pneumonia.

TRIBUTE TO COACH ROBERT EDWIN "ED" NOVAK, SR.

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life and legacy of Coach Robert Edwin "Ed" Novak, Sr., for his exceptional service to our country and his contributions to the education of youth in Baltimore.

A native Baltimorean, Coach Novak graduated from Baltimore City College in 1944. Immediately after, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he was assigned to the Pacific Theater during World War II as an