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#### AMERICAN TROOPS IN POLAND

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this past week was a tremendous success for the Polish-U.S. Alliance. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo sealed a defense cooperation agreement Saturday with Polish officials that will pave the way to deploy more American troops to Poland. President Donald Trump has fulfilled promises made, promises kept, to protect the citizens of Poland discouraging Putin threats.

Pompeo signed the deal with Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak that sets out the legal framework for the additional troops.

The agreement would also further other aspects of U.S.-Polish cooperation primarily in investment and trade ties.

Poland has agreed to construct multiple facilities to support more U.S. troops operating in that country. Some 4,500 U.S. troops are currently based in Poland, but about 1,000 more are to be added. President Andrezej Duda of Poland has proudly cited this could be named Fort Trump.

The pact signed Saturday supplements NATO efforts, and allows for the enhancement and modernization of existing capabilities and facilities by allowing U.S. forces to access additional Polish military installations. It also sets out a formula for sharing the logistical and infrastructure costs of an expanded U.S. presence in the country.

This complements additional NATO troops to be stationed in the Baltic Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, These German, French, and British assets reinforce the vibrancy of NATO to deter Putin aggression with peace through strength.

It is especially meaningful as we sadly remember the infamous Nazi and Soviet invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939, which

was schemed by the Molotov Ribbentrop Pact, leading to killing millions of Poles, the Holocaust, and the Katyn Forest massacre of 22,000 Polish military, scholars, law enforcement, and security personnel by Soviet Red Army troops.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE SLADE GORTON

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and public service of Senator Thomas Slade Gorton III. Senator Gorton passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. He was 92 years old. Before entering public office, Senator Gorton served his country in the United States Army and Air Force and later enlisted in the Air Force Reserves. He then served his state of Washington as State House Majority Leader, Attorney General and for three terms as a United States Senator.

After leaving office in 2000, Senator Gorton stayed active in public life. He served on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States as well as the 2011 Washington State Redistricting Commission. Slade Gorton will be remembered for always placing his state and country first. As Washington's Attorney General, he broke with his party to call for the resignation of President Nixon. In the Senate, he again showed his independence by supporting the Equal Rights Amendment and women's reproductive freedom.

On the Armed Services Committee, he drew from his many years in uniform. As a diehard baseball fan, he worked hard to bring the Mariners to Seattle and ensure they stayed there. At every level of public service, Slade Gorton earned a reputation for bipartisanship, fairness and respectfulness. I join all Washingtonians in sharing my condolences and appreciation with Senator Gorton's family.

#### CONGRATULATING STEVE LOCKWOOD

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Steve Lockwood, who is retiring after more than 18 years as the executive director of the Frayser Community Development Corporation. In that role, Mr. Lockwood has seen a rebound in property values after the Great Recession and has worked to bring \$30 million in redevelopment to Frayser's MLK Zone surrounding Martin Luther King College Prep. Mr. Lockwood's tenure with the agency is almost as old as the CDC itself, which was founded in January 2000. In what is obviously a labor of love, Mr. Lockwood has created an agency known for offering homebuyer education and financial literacy for residents of a market once defined by foreclosures. Mr. Lockwood's mission-based focus has inspired his staff and his leg-

acy will be their continued successes. I wish him all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

#### REMEMBERING SEYMOUR PADNOS

### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Seymour Padnos of Holland, Michigan. The West Michigan community mourns the loss of Mr. Padnos and thanks him for his 60 years of serving our community as the CEO and then chairman of Padnos Iron and Metal Co.

Mr. Padnos passed away at his longtime home in Holland, MI and is remembered as a well-loved husband, father and grandfather who cared deeply about West Michigan and donated generously to institutions such as Grand Valley State University, Michigan Maritime Museum, Indian Trails Camps and others. His early efforts to transform West Michigan as a commercial shipping harbor has shown how the West Michigan spirit leads to community prosperity.

Mr. Padnos's lifetime of service to our community is truly something to celebrate, and I will be praying for his family during this time of grief. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Esther (Roth), and their four children Mitchell, Shelley, Bill, Cindy, and grandson Louis Padnos.

Madam Speaker, is because of dedicated community members such as Mr. Padnos that I am especially proud to serve Michigan's 2nd Congressional District. I join with those in West Michigan in remembering the wonderful life and legacy that he has left behind.

#### PAKISTAN SANCTIONS TALIBAN

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Associated Press reports today that Pakistan issued sweeping financial sanctions against Afghanistan's Taliban.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has taken bold action to protect the people of Pakistan. I personally still cherish my visits to Islamabad including attending the joint U.S. Marine-Pakistan relief efforts at the earthquake in Muzaffarabad.

President Donald Trump has successfully supported the Financial Action Task Force in Paris, which monitors money laundering and tracks terrorist groups.

The orders, which were made public late on Friday, identified dozens of individuals, including the Taliban's chief peace negotiator Abdul Ghani Baradar and several members of the Haqqani family, including Sirajuddin, the current head of the Haqqani network and deputy head of the Taliban.

As well as the Taliban, the orders also target al-Qaida and the Islamic State affiliate which has carried out deadly attacks in both Pakistan and Afghanistan.

They also take aim at outlawed Pakistani groups like Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP),

thousands of whom are believed by the U.N. to be hiding in remote regions of Afghanistan. The TTP has declared war on Pakistan, carrying out one of the worst terrorist attacks in the country in 2014 killing 145 children and their teachers at an army public school in northwest Pakistan.

The orders also take aim at outlawed anti-Indian groups considered allied with the country's security services. It is so mutually beneficial for Pakistan and India to work together for peace and prosperity.

HONORING COACH STEELE  
KERRIDEN "KERRY" CROSWHITE

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Coach Steele Kerriden "Kerry" Croswhite, who passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2020 due to complications from COVID-19 at the age of 61. For 17 years Coach Croswhite served Chandler High School as a social studies teacher, head coach for the school's swim and dive team, and assistant coach for the softball program—a true pillar of excellence for the school's academic and athletic programs, and an inspiration for the thousands of students who had the great privilege to learn from him. A beloved member of the Chandler community, Coach Croswhite embodied a steadfast dedication to public education, Chandler High School, and service to others.

Coach Croswhite's impact resonated throughout the entire Chandler High community. He was always ready with a word of encouragement and empathetic ear, and he emanated pride and joy when celebrating his students and his school. Not only an inspirational teacher and coach, Coach Croswhite was known across campus for the bagpipes he played at school events, swim meets, football games, and at the school's annual Unity Assembly, where he donned a kilt in proud celebration of his ancestry.

He was a selfless leader who devoted his career—without fanfare or in pursuit of recognition—to the students he taught and coached at Chandler High. As the head swim and dive coach, Coach Croswhite spent countless hours training and mentoring the athletes he worked with every day. Coach Croswhite always went out of his way to help others—even jumping into action without hesitation to save the life of one of his students after she suffered a seizure in the pool. Because of his leadership and example, countless students have learned the value of camaraderie, perseverance and teamwork.

Conch Croswhite's wife, Laurie, shared that at the time of his passing, he was listening to the song "These Are the Days" by Van Morrison. In celebration of his life and legacy, may we think of him each time we hear this song in the future. We join his family in grief and gratitude, thankful that we bore witness to the impact he had on the entire Chandler High community. His legacy will be remembered for generations of students, teachers, and faculty to come.

Thank you to Coach Croswhite, and Godspeed.

HONORING RACHAEL HAALAND AS  
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Rachael Haaland for her outstanding leadership and positivity as she serves families and children during this pandemic by naming her our Iowan of the Week.

Rachael is an exceptional Childcare Site Manager at the ChildServe Childcare center in Johnston, Iowa. Her co-workers and colleagues shared that she is a fun-loving, creative, genuine, and encouraging person. She challenges her team every day to be their best and to embrace the many opportunities they have each day to make a positive difference for every child, every family, and especially to each other.

With the children in her center, Rachael doesn't just focus on the basic components of quality childcare. She goes above and beyond to support her teachers to provide memorable early learning experiences that set the stage for children's future success in school and life. She promotes a positive work and care environment; she encourages her staff to truly enjoy their jobs, and the children they care for to engage in activities together to promote learning, interpersonal connection, and fun. Rachael created an atmosphere where staff, children, and families thrive through shared respect and regard for their uniqueness, but also their common goals and values.

During this COVID-19 crisis, Rachael knows that the families she serves, and her coworkers at ChildServe, are all feeling concerned and stressed. Everyone is focused on making sure they are providing a safe environment where our children can still play and learn. She has maintained a steady level of communication with her community, and collaboration has been exceptional during a time that has been difficult for all.

Rachael has ensured a safe work and care environment by adapting space, establishing new cleaning protocols, and making necessary changes throughout the center to minimize the risk to children and staff and follow CDC guidelines. During all of this, she still planned fun, theme-based activities to promote the joy of learning in these children and give them a break from the world outside. As a mom of two boys, I know the parents and families Rachel works with are grateful for the extra cleaning, extra work, and extra thought Rachel is investing into ChildServe.

It is my distinct honor to name Rachael Haaland as our Iowan of the Week and thank her for her commitment to early childcare and education. Although we do not know what the future holds, we know it is a bright future with educators and childcare providers like Rachael Haaland in our community.

IN MEMORY OF DR. REBEKAH  
HORTON

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Rebekah 'Beka' Horton. She passed away on June 27, 2020.

Beka co-founded Pensacola Christian College with her husband. From day one, she led a Christ-centered mission for the spiritual and academic growth of every student.

She led with humility and a clear vision for every person to reach their God-given potential. Her passion was to ensure young men and women received an excellent education and were prepared to be leaders in the world.

During my years at Pensacola Christian College, I played piano in a traveling ensemble. Beka served as our ensemble's mentor. She always encouraged us to seek excellence and challenged us to the highest of standards. I cherish those memories, and I'm grateful for the lessons Beka instilled in me. To this day, I challenge my own team to seek excellence in everything we do.

Beka's legacy for excellence extends far beyond Pensacola Christian College's campus. Through her many ministries like her children's TV program and A Beka Books, she touched many lives and helped countless students of all ages flourish. She lived a full life in the service of God.

My prayers for comfort and peace are with all those who are mourning her passing. May she rest in peace, and may we continue to honor her legacy by seeking excellence, putting our trust in God, and serving others.

CELEBRATING INDIAN  
INDEPENDENCE

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last Saturday, I was grateful to be Guest of Honor at the Consulate of the Republic of India in Atlanta for the Indian flag hoisting ceremony to observe the 74th Independence Day of India.

Consul General, Dr. Swati Kulkarni, conducted the solemn occasion with professionalism joined by her dedicated staff along with KV Kumar, President of the Indian-American International Chamber of Commerce.

With the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the past year India has surpassed the United Kingdom and France in gross domestic product. Sadly, the Wuhan virus has disrupted these economic advances. India's evolution from socialism to a free market economy reducing poverty is a testament to the success of economic freedom.

The alliance of India and America was underscored last September 22nd in Houston when President Donald Trump welcomed Prime Minister Modi to America with an audience of 50,000 largely Indian-Americans being the largest welcome program in American history. Arm in arm, Prime Minister Modi and