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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),