

my predecessor Congressman John Peterson. We were truly blessed to welcome her to the Thompson Team.

Barb is an active member in her community and never stops working hard for our constituents, helping individuals get much-needed assistance on issues related to the VA, Social Security, Medicare, and so much more. She is the kind of person who is willing to step up, take charge, and get the job done.

In the little spare time she has when she is not helping others, Barb is an avid golfer and a wonderful singer. I can't thank Barb enough for her hard work and dedication and sense of humor over the years.

RECOGNIZING THE BOTTO FAMILY

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a well-known and beloved family in south Jersey, the Bottos.

The Botto family embodies the American Dream. Under the vision of Robert Sr.—the Sausage King, or Big Bob—the Bottos followed their meat market with the Botto's Italian Line restaurant, a supermarket, catering and banquet hall.

I can attest, the Bottos' family sausage, meatballs, and meats are absolutely delicious. I had the pleasure of touring some of the facilities last month with Dominic and Enrico Botto.

Your family is a testament to the fact that hard work and passion will get you far in life. And in the minds of everyone who has ever had the pleasure of enjoying a meal or spending time with you, this is the true American Dream, a family who worked hard, who reached for the brass ring, who did more, and never gave up.

God bless you and your family for your commitment to the community, and I look forward to plenty of full stomachs in the future.

THE GROWING THREAT IN CHINA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the China Task Force uncovered reprehensible behavior from the Chinese Communist Party, and it is time that we hold them accountable.

This body has taken action to condemn the gross state-sponsored oppression of the Uyghurs and stood strongly in support of freedom and democracy in Hong Kong.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic spotlighted for the American people the growing threat the Chinese Communist Party poses.

From the beginning, the CCP has covered up vital medical information, allowing what could have been a local

outbreak in Wuhan to turn into the global pandemic that decimated our economy, killed almost a million people worldwide, and weakened the American resolve.

Madam Speaker, I commend the China Task Force for their hard work making realistic policy recommendations to help the U.S. stand strong in the face of the growing threat in China.

HEALING THE NATION

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise because in the last day, I feel compelled to speak about healing the Nation.

Through my years of service, I have been able to serve on a number of committees and alliances in my Congressional district, in my city, in my State, that brought people together.

I was chairperson of the Interfaith Ministries.

I participated in a campaign of No More Hate.

I have interacted with Muslims and Jewish communities alike.

Where the Nation is now is not where her values are. The Nation is not taking the attention that is being given by the world because of the rise of white supremacy—Boogaloo Boys, Proud Boys.

The Nation needs a healer and a unifier. We, as the American people, are much better when we disagree and acknowledge our disagreement, but we are unified around the values of equality and justice in this Nation.

Those of us who want to improve police community relationships are not antipolice and should not be seen as that. Black Lives Matter is not a terrorist group. In fact, the terrorist groups have been designated as white supremacists.

Let us unify and come together around the truth. I am ready to do so to heal the Nation.

RECOGNIZING DARRELL WOOD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TLAIB). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Darrell Wood and his patriotic contributions to the city of Benton, Arkansas.

Earlier this summer, Benton's mayor, Tom Farmer, noticed a street adorned with American flags. Over the coming weeks, Mayor Farmer noticed that more and more flags were appearing around the city until nearly every street in Benton was decorated. After asking citizens, Mayor Farmer determined that Mr. Wood was responsible for this patriotic display.

To show their appreciation, Mayor Farmer and the City Council formally honored Mr. Wood for his contributions to the community with a commemorative plaque. The beautiful sight of these flags has inspired others in the community to add more of their own.

Mr. Woods' actions have served as a bright light in these trying times, and we thank him for his selfless service to his city.

RECOGNIZING JAMES "SKIP" RUTHERFORD

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize James "Skip" Rutherford, who announced plans to retire as dean of the University of Arkansas, Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock.

Mr. Rutherford has served in this role since 2006 and planned to retire earlier this year but stayed longer than expected to help the school, students, faculty, and staff weather the storm of COVID-19, which shows his dedication to the lives of those with whom he works.

Skip had a passion for public service at a young age as he watched the election returns on the courthouse lawn in Batesville, Arkansas. He believed in order to make a real difference, you need to roll up your sleeves and get in the arena. He was instrumental in the building of the Clinton Presidential Library, the development of the River Market District, and coordinating the 40th anniversary commemoration of the 1957 integration of Little Rock Central High School, which in turn led to the school being named a national historic site.

Martha and I wish Skip a fulfilling and active retirement.

□ 1915

RECOGNIZING GRADY SPANN

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grady Spann, the director of Arkansas State Parks, who was recently named president of the National Association of State Park Directors.

Mr. Spann is a 27-year employee of Arkansas State Parks, having previously served as superintendent of the Ozark Folk Center, Historic Washington, and the Parkin Archaeological State Park. In 2012, he was named supervisor of Region 5, a newly created region of State parks.

Mr. Spann's passion and dedication earned him not only the position of director of Arkansas State Parks in 2016, but now as president of the National Association of State Park Directors. The association aims to promote and advance State park systems throughout the United States.

Grady's commitment to the preservation of the Natural State and beyond is evident in his leadership. I congratulate Grady Spann and wish him well in this new leadership assignment.

RECOGNIZING THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS' POST 4453

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the VFW Department of Arkansas' Post 4453 in