

Nationally it sows seeds for murder. Yet, war abroad and violence at home are not inevitable. We have it within our power to recreate America today. Are we not the land of the free, the home of the brave? Is there not something uniquely American which gives us the ability to transcend our woes and seek a more perfect union? Even at the darkest moment we Americans can stand bravely for our freedoms. Mindful of our inherent unity, we must break the "US vs. them" mindset and move beyond survival mode to security through cooperation.

Let us create an organized structured approach to become architects of a new culture of peace, in our homes, our schools, our workplaces.

This is what the "Dept. of Peace" (H.R. 808) is about. Let us establish that America's national security and peace at home includes jobs, housing, physical and mental health care, education, retirement security for all. We are, the land of the free, the home of the brave. Freedom and bravery, courage and democracy are our birthright, our inheritance, our destiny.

And let us not propagate to Europe and the European community the fears which have infected this county. The Scriptures bid us to make peace with our brothers and sisters. This is the higher calling for the United States. This should be our new *raison d'être* in the world and at home. God Bless America.

#### 2013 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 1, 2013*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the provisions of the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act that ban the overseas transport of a minor for the purposes of female genital mutilation, or FGM.

This language mirrors the bipartisan Girls Protection Act, legislation I authored and introduced in the 111th and 112th Congresses.

FGM is an issue that isn't always easy to talk about, and one that has gone on for far too long. According to the World Health Organization, up to 2 million girls—or 6,000 per day—are threatened with FGM each year. Here in the United States, studies indicate that all too many girls are under similar threat. The United Nations says that FGM is an "irreparable, irreversible abuse" inflicted on women and girls.

I couldn't agree more. So, when some New Yorkers approached me three years ago and told me that girls from my own city were being transported overseas where they were forced to undergo FGM, I knew we needed to take action. Since FGM is illegal in the United States, it should be illegal to transport a minor overseas for the same purpose.

This provision addresses the issue by putting law enforcement on the side of girls. If signed into law, it will never again be acceptable, or legal, to transport a minor from the United States to another country for the purposes of FGM. It will also be illegal to conspire to transport a minor abroad for the purposes of FGM. In fact, if this bill is signed into law, those actions will be a crime. The intent

of this legislation is clear—if you plan or participate in the transportation of a minor abroad for so that the minor can undergo FGM, you will have committed a criminal act.

The days of impunity for FGM are now over. Girls who may feel under threat, and families and communities who seek to protect girls from being transported overseas for FGM, will be able to turn to law enforcement for help.

Clearly, there is much more that must be done to address FGM. We need to fund culturally-appropriate outreach and education efforts. We need to work with counselors, teachers and medical providers to ensure they know to help prevent FGM. We need to do everything we can to empower girls. And, efforts should be carried out in consultation with communities where FGM may be prevalent, many of whom have already stepped forward to renounce the practice of FGM. I believe that ultimately these types of efforts are equally as important as instituting a ban on FGM, and we must work to make them a reality here in the United States.

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. JULIE ETTA WASHINGTON NANCE

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 1, 2013*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute a woman who will be forever known as "the First Lady of South Carolina State College." I was fortunate to know Mrs. Julie Etta Washington Nance since my days on the campus in the late 1950s. She passed away on December 30, 2012, and I know that she will be sorely missed by so many who had the privilege to know her.

Julie Nance was born in 1926, the daughter of J. Irwin Washington, who was South Carolina State College's business manager for 40 years, and Julia Robinson Washington. J. I., as he was called, was my longtime mentor, and I was honored to have a close association with the Washington family throughout my life.

From the time she was born, Julie was connected to South Carolina State College (now University). She lived with her family on the Orangeburg campus and attended Felton Laboratory School, also located there. After graduating from Wilkinson High School, she attended S.C. State and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education in 1947.

She briefly left Orangeburg to teach first grade in Florence for one year, but returned to Orangeburg to work in the college bookstore and to be closer to the love of her life, M. Maceo Nance, Jr. He had been enrolled on the campus in 1942, but joined the U.S. Navy for three years during World War II. He returned to campus after his military service.

The two married in 1950, and lived with her parents on campus until they were able to build their own home next door.

Dr. Nance began his 37-year career at South Carolina State as a supply clerk. As he rose through the ranks on campus, Julie stayed home to raise her two sons, M. Maceo Nance, III and Robert M. Nance, who would later become the District Director for my Congressional office where he has served continuously for the past 20 years.

In 1967, Dr. Nance was named the interim president of South Carolina State during the tumultuous days of the civil rights movement. Shortly after taking office, a protest in front of the campus over a segregated bowling alley turned tragic when law enforcement open fire on the student protestors, killing three young men and wounding nearly two dozen others.

Following the tragedy, Dr. and Mrs. Nance formed the rock that held the campus together. Their strength and compassion united the college, and ultimately, Dr. Nance was rewarded by being named the permanent president of South Carolina State. It was a position he held for 19 years with great distinction.

Julie Nance continued to build on the family atmosphere on the Orangeburg campus. She and her husband often hosted events in their home and at the president's office, where students, faculty and staff could mingle. Julie, known for her elegance and charm, was a tremendous asset to her husband to whom she was married for more than 50 years. During their leadership at S.C. State, the college experienced great growth and increased its influence within the community and the state. After Dr. Nance retired in March 1986, the couple remained two of the college's staunchest supporters.

Mrs. Nance received numerous awards including the Distinguished Alumna Award from South Carolina State University and the Sammie Davis Jr. Life Membership Achievement Award given by the NAACP, of which she was a lifetime member. She also held life memberships in the South Carolina State University Alumni Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. She was a member of Williams Chapel A.M.E. Church, the Links, Inc. and an Emeritus member of The Regional Medical Center Foundation Board.

In addition to being the parents of two sons, the couple was also grandparents to two granddaughters, Michelle Nelson and Kimberly Colley; three grandsons, Nicholas Nance, Miligan Nance and Kevin Hunt; and four great-grandchildren, Mya Nelson, Maci Nelson, Madison Hunt and Halie Hunt.

When Mrs. Nance departed this life, she was at home in her longtime Orangeburg residence located on the road that was ceremonially named in 2000 the "Dr. M. Maceo Nance Jr. Highway" in honor of her beloved husband.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring the life and legacy of this remarkable woman. Mrs. Julie Etta Washington Nance's entire life was devoted to South Carolina State College (University). This institution, the Orangeburg community, and the State of South Carolina are much better places because of her leadership and dedication.

#### HONORING WALTER E. LENCKI

#### HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 1, 2013*

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great American, my friend, Walter E. Lencki. Sadly, Walt passed away on December 24 of this year at the age of 78. Our nation has lost a true patriot.

Walt dedicated his life to service; to our country, to his community and to the people he loved. Born January 5, 1934 and raised in Chicago, Walt attended Catholic schools and upon graduating enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served his nation proudly in the Korean conflict and earned the respect of his fellow Marines and his family. After being awarded an honorary discharge from the Corps, he joined his family in relocating to California, where he made his home for many years.

After working briefly in sales, Walt found his true calling and joined the Burbank, California, police force where he quickly rose to the rank of homicide detective. His expertise made him an invaluable instructor to police and other first responders, and he later shared his knowledge as a teacher at several colleges in California.

I came to know Walt when he once again displayed his desire to serve his military comrades and their families by helping to found and organize the Semper Fi #1 Memorial Honor Guard at Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Riverside, California, to honor fallen Veterans who would otherwise not have received the military honors they had earned in service to our nation. Walt served as a charter member of this proud group of Marines, and again used his expertise as a trainer to those who also sought to join this volunteer group.

It was a great honor to support the efforts of Walt and Semper Fi #1 Memorial Honor Guard, and it was clear that Walt's love of country and respect for service was a driving force behind the establishment of this outstanding organization.

Walt is survived by his loving wife, Oksana, who he married in May of 2009 in Portland,

Oregon, near the community of Roseburg where he had retired, his children Denise Fejtek and her husband, Paul, Douglas Lencki, and Daniel Lencki and his wife, Renee and his grandson, Ryan and Oksana's son, Nazar Davyda.

I extend my deepest sympathy to Oksana and the entire Lencki family and hope that they will find comfort in the memory of the time they shared with this remarkable man. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of this proud Marine and patriotic American. His life of service and devotion to our nation inspired me and countless others, and his legacy will live on in his beloved Marine Corps and his family.

Thank you, Walt, for your service and friendship.