

And that is why thousands of persons took to the streets last Saturday in peaceful protest to demand that the President of the United States do what every President since Gerald Ford in 1976 has done.

And that is to release his tax returns while in office.

Trump is the first President since Watergate to refuse to release his tax information to the public.

Full release of Trump's tax returns will provide the public with clear information as to his potential conflicts of interest and entanglements with foreign governments and businesses.

A recent Washington Post-ABC News poll found that 74 percent of Americans, including 53 percent of Republicans, believe Trump should release his tax returns.

All roads lead back to the President's tax returns, and the light they can shine on his actions.

As chief steward of America's extensive domestic, global, and national security interests, the fidelity of the President of the United States to the national interest must never be subject to question or doubt.

Trump's extensive financial interests in more than 100 companies operating in more than 18 countries and on five continents potentially represent major conflicts of interest between his personal financial interests and the national interests of the American people.

A preliminary analysis of Trump's extensive financial arrangements reveals dozens of potential conflicts of interest.

For example, Trump has received more than \$10 million from his interest in the Trump Towers Istanbul in Turkey, a country with which the United States has extensive, complicated, and politically sensitive military and diplomatic relations.

Since August 2015, Trump's business organizations have registered eight separate companies connected to hotel deals in Saudi Arabia, which is located in one of the world's most critical geopolitical regions.

Based on the limited and inadequate financial disclosures he has made to date, it appears that Trump's business organization is financially dependent upon, and obligated to, Deutsche Bank, its biggest lender, which happens to be negotiating a multibillion-dollar settlement over housing-crisis-era abuses with the Justice Department, a deal that will be finalized with Justice Department officials appointed by Trump.

Companies owned or controlled by Trump's organization also owe hundreds of millions of dollars to the state-owned Bank of China and to Wall Street interests.

The American people are entitled to assume without hesitation or doubt that when the President of the United States meets with foreign leaders and dignitaries that he is motivated only by what is in the national interest and not the private, pecuniary interests of himself, his family members, or his business enterprises.

That assurance cannot be provided when the President of the United States has enormous financial stakes in the enterprises operating in those same foreign countries and refuses to release his tax returns for examination by the public.

It is for this reason—to ensure that the President's loyalty will always be to the nation he leads—that the Framers included the

Emoluments Clause in Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution, which provides that: 'no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.'

According to leading experts in ethics, a prohibited emolument would include, for example, anything from a foreign government that benefits Trump, such as providing favorable tax, zoning, licensing treatment for his real estate holdings or enhanced security to protect his business operations.

The financial interests of Trump are extensive, complex, and inter-connected with the interests of foreign leaders and countries.

They are all-encompassing and time-consuming.

But they pale in comparison to the global, diplomatic, economic, and national security interests of the United States, which supersede the interests of any one person or corporation.

As the Scriptures teach, you cannot serve two masters.

And that is why, Mr. Speaker, I believe the President must make a choice, either he should:

1. release his tax returns and divest all of his financial interests; or
2. relinquish the office he holds due to his inability to 'take care that the Laws be faithfully executed' and 'to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.'

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD BERNSTEIN FOR RECEIVING THE JOHN DINGELL OUTSTANDING PUBLIC OFFICIAL AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Bernstein for receiving the John Dingell Outstanding Public Official Award at the 2017 Governor's Fitness Awards Banquet. Mr. Bernstein has had an outstanding legal career and served as a justice on the Michigan Supreme Court with distinction.

After earning a law degree from Northwestern University in 1999, Mr. Bernstein joined the Law Offices of Sam Bernstein, where his work focused on defending the rights of the disabled. In addition to his work in ensuring that public facilities in Michigan are accessible by disabled individuals in accordance with federal law, Mr. Bernstein has also served as an advocate for disabled rights internationally through visits and lectures in various countries, including Australia, Ecuador and Israel. Mr. Bernstein has also compiled a distinguished career in public service. In addition to currently serving an 8-year term on the Michigan Supreme Court, Bernstein has previously been elected to the Wayne State University Board of Governors in 2002 and serving as its chair from 2009 to 2010.

Mr. Bernstein has fought tirelessly on behalf of Michigan residents and those with disabilities. During his time in private practice, Mr. Bernstein helped represent the Paralyzed Veterans of America in a case that resulted in improved accessibility to the University of Michigan's athletic facilities. In addition, his advo-

cacy and effort have resulted in improved accessibility for disabled fliers at Detroit Metro Airport. For these accomplishments, Mr. Bernstein has received numerous awards, including the University of Michigan's James T. Neubacher Award for his work to ensure equal rights for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Bernstein's record of outstanding public service and advocacy on behalf of Michigan residents is more than deserving of this prestigious award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Richard Bernstein and his record of achievement. Mr. Bernstein's professional record and public service have benefited Michigan and are worthy of commendation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BILL GASKIN

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Bill Gaskin of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who for the past forty years has committed his life to growing manufacturing in Northeast Ohio and around the country. Having worked at the Precision Metalforming Association, based in Independence, Ohio, since 1977, Bill has spent the past seventeen years as its President, and helped guide the metalworking industry through some perilous times and lately, through significant growth. Manufacturing is the backbone of our economy, not just in Ohio but throughout the country. Businesses like those in my district are providing family-sustaining careers to more than 12 million Americans now working in manufacturing. Upon his retirement this year, Bill will leave the metalworking industry in much stronger shape than when he first became involved forty years ago. The industry is more vibrant than ever, in part due to the efforts of Bill and others who have committed themselves to strengthening manufacturing in America. I hope that Bill's dedication will serve as an example to future generations of manufacturing leaders.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CLUB

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Dominion Woman's Club (DWC) in Virginia's 10th District. The DWC is a member and volunteer organization that focuses on enhancing our community and advocating for important issues—such as performing arts, education, leadership, hospitality, and conservation—through volunteer service in both Prince William and Fauquier Counties.

The DWC was founded in 2007 under the guidance of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia (GFWC-VA). The GFWC-VA, founded in 1890, focuses on promoting culture and education, increasing domestic abuse awareness, and also establishing smaller, local clubs across Virginia. The

DWC's first President was Nanette McKeel Petrella, and many current members credit the club's early success to her leadership and vision.

Today the DWC supports a wide variety of organizations and groups across Prince William and Fauquier Counties, including Bull Run Mountain Conservancy, the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry, Haymarket Elementary School, and more. The members of the club come from many different backgrounds, including teachers, counselors, professional moms, and women involved in various other volunteer organizations in their community, and while their levels of participation and interests may vary, they each share the common goal of serving their community and empowering one another.

The club's current co-Presidents, Susan Sivioli and Celeste Corrigan, have been members of the DWC for a combined 16 years—a true testament to their dedication to our community and helping others. Under their leadership in 2016, the club participated in 49 volunteer programs, contributed 2,746 volunteer hours, and donated over \$7,000 to local groups and organizations and over \$24,000 in in-kind donations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the Dominion Woman's Club for its dedication to serving our community for the past 10 years. I wish Ms. Sivioli, Ms. Corrigan, and the entire organization the best in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING CALVARY TEMPLE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of recognizing Calvary Temple in Allentown, Pennsylvania on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. During the last century, Calvary Temple has served as a place of spiritual enlightenment and refuge to the City of Allentown and the surrounding Lehigh Valley.

Calvary Temple began in 1917 as an informal gathering of 12 believers who met in one another's houses to pray for the salvation of close friends and family members. Led by layman Edwin C. Conrad from the 12th Street Baptist Church of Allentown, the group devoted itself to building a new meeting space that could accommodate their growing attendance numbers. By 1922, a ground-breaking was held for the new building, and the group officially deemed their organization the Pentecostal Prayer Band—Assembly of God.

The church wasted no time in establishing ministries, both locally and internationally. Sister Mary Lindberg became the church's representative in India, establishing missionary outreach, which continues to this day. In Allentown, the church began to work with the elderly and inmates at the Lehigh County Prison. Additionally, baptismal services for new members were held at Jordan Park in the nearby river. In the following decades, despite initial hardships, the church continued to devise creative ways of ministering to the surrounding community, including radio and television broadcasts, an annual summer camp, and eventually, Allentown Christian School. Finally,

after a number of name changes, the church adopted the name Calvary Temple, and ultimately decided to withdraw from the Assemblies of God in order to become a self-governing, non-denominational body of believers.

Today, Calvary Temple remains a beacon of innovation and community service in its current location. In addition to its four Sunday services, the church hosts small group ministries across the Lehigh Valley throughout the week, and they remain a dedicated and hospitable presence in Allentown.

It is with the utmost respect and appreciation that I ask the House to join me in offering well wishes and congratulations to the men and women of Calvary Temple. May the next century bring about continued congregational growth and meaningful outreach to the Lehigh Valley.

IN RECOGNITION OF MIKE ILITCH FOR RECEIVING THE 2017 VERN SEEFELDT LIFETIME ACHIEVE- MENT AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Ilitch for receiving the 2017 Vern Seefeldt Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 Governor's Fitness Awards Banquet. Mr. Ilitch was a Detroit icon whose business and philanthropy have shaped Detroit and the surrounding communities.

A lifelong Detroiter, Mr. Ilitch joined the Marines after graduating from Cooley High School and then played professional baseball in the Detroit Tigers organization. He then began a pizza operation that, along with his success as a door-to-door salesman, earned enough money to open a dedicated restaurant called Little Caesar's. The chain became a massive success, and Mr. Ilitch used the proceeds to purchase the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers sports franchises. Additionally, Mr. Ilitch was a strong supporter of the city of Detroit, refurbishing the Fox Theatre and moving his business headquarters downtown in the 1980s, and continued to support education, nonprofit and civic initiatives in the city throughout his life.

Mr. Ilitch is a Detroit icon whose life and work impacted countless individuals and was crucial to the City of Detroit's revival. His passion and hard work created a world-class organization in Ilitch Holdings, and he was committed to helping Detroit and its citizens throughout his life. Additionally, Mr. Ilitch revived two of America's great sports teams in the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings, bringing Detroit four Stanley Cups and two American League pennants while helping revitalize downtown. In addition, Mr. Ilitch was a committed philanthropist whose nonprofit organization, Ilitch Charities, invested in the community and future of southeast Michigan through its contributions to Detroit area civil groups. He was also a committed father and authentic individual with a kind heart, and he is missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mike Ilitch for receiving the 2017 Vern Seefeldt Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Ilitch was a once in a generation entrepreneur and philanthropist whose work impacted countless lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF SEAN ENGLISH

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the heroic actions of Sean English of Northville, Michigan.

As he and his family drove down I-96 in Detroit, they witnessed a rolled over SUV and selflessly pulled over to help a fellow Michigander. However, at the scene of the accident, Sean and another Good Samaritan, Cynthia Ray, were struck by another vehicle. Tragically, Cynthia Ray, a doctor at Henry Ford Hospital, passed. However, thanks to the actions of Michigan State Police Trooper Patrick Arena, we are blessed to have Sean still with us.

As a junior at University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Sean is admired by his classmates and teachers alike. His dedication to service and kind and uplifting spirit make him the true embodiment of his high school's motto—"men for others."

A shining star on his school's cross country and track teams, he is a talented runner who challenges not only himself, but his teammates and his friends to give it their all and be the best they can at everything they do.

I am so thankful that Sean will continue to be a vibrant presence in our community, surrounded by his family, friends, and fellow Michiganders who will continue to recognize his selflessness on that day and as he continues to serve others.

Sean's a fighter with an unbreakable spirit—a spirit that will sustain him as he experiences life's peaks and triumphs over its hurdles. My thoughts and prayers are with Sean and his family—John, Peggy, and Megan—as he makes a speedy recovery.

RECOGNIZING THE BIRTHDAY OF QUINN MICHAEL PFENDER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Quinn Michael Pfender, on the day of his Twenty-Second birthday. Quinn is a shining example of a young man, whose characteristics of hard work, determination, and faith exemplify everything we hope to see in our future generations. It is my privilege to recognize him on the Floor of the House of Representatives in our nation's capital.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRITZ GERHARD HETZEL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Fritz Gerhard Hetzel, a devoted husband, father and grandfather; successful businessman and civic leader; and the