

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Housing Development Consortium (HDC), a nonprofit housing alliance that has celebrated its 30th anniversary.

The HDC was founded in 1988 as an alliance of local housing authorities and advocacy groups with a simple mission: to make King County a better place to live for everyone, regardless of their income or race. What began as a small collection of local groups has expanded over the past three decades to encompass over one hundred and sixty organizations across the county.

Though united in vision, the member organizations of the HDC span a variety of industries impacted by housing challenges including financial institutions, building contractors, law firms, and government agencies. All member organizations under the HDC's umbrella strive to reduce homelessness and provide affordable housing for low-income families. As living costs in King County continue to increase, the HDC has secured funding to keep housing affordable for 116,000 tenants and people who are at risk for homelessness. The HDC has lived up to its mission of working to ensure that all people live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes surrounded by communities of opportunity.

The consortium operates on the local, state, and federal levels, funding and supporting a wide range of programs. They have created a program that provides King County residents with protection from income discrimination. They have established funding for housing trust funds in Washington State that have contributed to the construction of thousands of low to moderate income homes. They have campaigned for changes to the federal tax code and other measures that seek to minimize roadblocks to home ownership nationwide. For the HDC, no challenge is too great or too small.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Housing Development Consortium on 30 years of exemplary service to their community. I look forward to the next three decades of service and progress.

RECOGNIZING CHEF MORRIS
SALERNO, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Morris Salerno, owner of BISTECCA—An Italian Steakhouse, of High-

land Village, Texas as he returns from supporting the United States team as they competed for the title of Global Chef 2018. Morris assisted the United States team as Manager/Mentor for the team headed by Chef Patrick Mitchell at the Global Chefs Challenge in Kuala Lumpur earlier this month.

Held every two years, the competition, attended by chefs from more than 100 countries, was hosted at Asia on Plate—Worldchefs Congress & Expo 2018. The final competition required the preparation and presentation of a four-course menu of twelve servings within an allotted five hour time. Twenty teams, represented by a chef and an assistant, pitted their menu and preparation skills against each other for evaluation by a jury of senior judges representing the Worldchefs Culinary Committee. Chefs and their teams applied their own creative interpretations to a variety of assigned products and proteins from around the world. Each team was judged on five elements: Mise-En-Place, Professional Preparation, Service, Presentation and Taste.

As Manager/Mentor, Morris personally won a gold medal in the 2014 Expogast Culinary Competition in Luxembourg, and a bronze medal in the 2012 competition as part of Team Texas at the Culinary Olympics. Chef Mitchell also won a gold medal in 2014 at Luxembourg, resulting in two of the 14 total gold awards presented at the competition returning to Texas. In supporting Chef Mitchell as Manager/Mentor in preparation for Global Chef 2018, Morris provided not only his guidance and experience as an accomplished international culinary competitor, but also his time and talents in hosting fundraising dinners for the team's competition expenses.

I offer these comments in appreciation of Chef Salerno for his professionalism and support of the United States Team in Kuala Lumpur and other competitions abroad. I also want to recognize him for his years of service to the constituents and communities of the 26th District. Through his art, craft, and partnership with his brother Mike Salerno, North Texans have had the opportunity to enjoy world-class meals and service for more than 30 years at Highland Village's The Grotto and BISTECCA—An Italian Steakhouse and at the Flower Mound Salerno's. I thank Morris and all of the Salerno family for their service, and wish them success.

SUPPRESSION, SURVEILLANCE,
AND MASS DETENTION:
XINJIANG'S HUMAN RIGHTS CRI-
SIS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we held a hearing at the Congressional-Executive Commission on China on the

human rights crisis in the Xinjiang province of China, which I co-chair. I commend Senator RUBIO for holding this hearing, as there is a dire need to shine a light on the stunning and outrageous detention of nearly one million Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities in Xinjiang.

What is clear from news reports is that Uyghurs are being detained in "reeducation centers" throughout Xinjiang. Those interned are being asked to renounce Islam, inform on their families for "extremism," and parrot their love for Xi Jinping and the Communist Party.

Whole families disappear, children are detained, students studying abroad and soccer players are detained because of their "foreign" contacts. There are reports of suicides and deaths and mistreatment in these detention centers.

Human rights champion Rebiya Kadeer's whole family—sons, daughters in law, grandchildren have disappeared. The disappearance of the families of other Uyghurs has also happened—like Radio Free Asia's heroic journalists.

It is mind-boggling. The Chinese government is constructing a high-tech police state in Xinjiang. The goal is to forcibly assimilate and "transform" entire ethnic minority populations.

All this is being done in the name of counter-terrorism and counter-extremism. But China's repression may just create the extremism that they fear.

Over the past year, the world has started to see too many comparisons between the Nazis and the current Chinese government.

For example, Liu Xiaobo was the first Nobel Peace Prize laureate to die in state custody since Carl Von Ossietzky died in Nazi custody.

Now nearly one million are detained in what should be called concentration camps—the largest jailing of an ethnic and religious minority maybe since the Holocaust, certainly since the apartheid days in South Africa.

"Reeducation" is certainly not a new tactic in China. Tibetans, Falun Gong and other dissidents have experienced "reeducation through labor"—but the size and scale of what is happening to the Uyghurs is audaciously repressive, even by China's low standards.

Where is the outrage? Where is the anger? I commend the State Department and Secretary Pompeo for their public statements. But why has the Organization of Islamic Cooperation been silent? What has Turkey and other Turkic nations been doing to address this issue?

Every business, non-governmental organization, academic, and government that interacts with the Chinese government and Communist Party risks its integrity by remaining silent.

There should be a concerted effort to convince the International Olympic Committee to consider whether the Olympic goal can be accomplished in 2022 if China maintains an apartheid-like police state that targets Muslim minorities.

How can any law firm or lobby shop shill for the government of China while Uyghurs are so brutally and forcefully assimilated? Or when

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Tibetans, Christians, human rights lawyers, and Falun Gong are systematically repressed?

I heard Frank Wolf say recently that in the 1980s, no firm would have dared to work for the Soviet Union—but now China's cash is too tempting to turn down even for some of my former House colleagues.

Shame. Shame. It is really a shame.

I wonder if the Congress can limit U.S. government contracts by the exact amount lobby firms receive from China, Russia, or some other authoritarian government?

That would make for some interesting business choices. Either make no profit from your dealings with China or choose to represent an increasingly repressive and authoritarian Chinese government.

No one should profit from representing authoritarian countries, particularly when they constantly seek to undermine U.S. values and interests.

Chinese officials should also not profit from their complicity in torture and arbitrary detentions. This is the exact reason the Congress passed the Global Magnitsky Act.

The Senator and I have urged the State Department to consider levying Magnitsky sanctions on officials in Xinjiang. We will continue to do so.

We urge anyone with specific and credible information about Chinese government officials complicit in human rights abuses in Xinjiang to send that information to us. We will make sure it gets to the State Department.

I also think the sanctions available in the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 should be considered, particularly broad economic sanctions targeting industries in Xinjiang that benefit China's political leaders or State-Owned Entities.

China has been designated as a "Country of Particular Concern" since 1999. That designation carries with it the possibility of economic sanctions. This lever should be used now because, in my opinion, what is happening in Xinjiang is currently the world's worst religious freedom situation.

Targeted and tough economic sanctions are the only way to convince China's leaders that they have a clear interest in ending repression of China's Muslim minorities.

There is also an important role for the UN here. I am glad that Ambassador Currie is here with us today. What is happening in Xinjiang are clear violations of international treaties in many respects.

According to the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, crimes of genocide are not confined to mass killing of an ethnic group; they also include "Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group" and "Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part."

Personal accounts from Xinjiang's re-education camps seem consistent with these definitions. We should not be ignoring the early warning signs. Actions need to be taken to prevent crimes against humanity.

I realize that China's veto on the UN Security Council will create obstacles to any UN investigation, but we should be making them use that veto, request a briefing at the Security Council, and bring together the OIC and other Muslim majority countries to raise the issue within the UN system.

At a time when the Chinese government is seeking to gain allies through its Belt and

Road initiative, it would seem the last thing they want is an international debate about their treatment of ethnic and religious minorities.

Finally, I want to commend the exemplary work of Radio Free Asia's Uyghur Service reporters. Despite threats to their families they have kept working and have provided us with an extraordinary record of events. Your courage and professionalism are admirable. Thank you.

Again, I commend Senator RUBIO for holding this important hearing to shine a light on an outrageous and horrible situation.

We all need to believe in the power of light and sunshine because evil flourishes in the dark.

CAMBODIA DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5754, the Cambodia Democracy Act of 2018. As the Republican Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Cambodia and an original cosponsor of this legislation and I believe it is critical that Congress support the people of Cambodia in their march toward democracy. I want to thank Congressman LOWENTHAL, the Democratic Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Cambodia, Chairman ROYCE, and Chairman YOHO for their work on this important legislation.

Throughout his 30-year rule, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen has routinely stifled Cambodia's progress toward democracy. Last year, he began his latest crackdown because he knew that given the chance, the Cambodian people would elect someone else. He began by uprooting civil society organizations. This included cracking down on newspapers such as the Cambodia Daily and outlets like Radio Free Asia and Voice of America as well as forcing the National Democratic Institute to leave the country. Then he started peddling the ridiculous story that the United States was trying to orchestrate a coup. Then he threw Kem Sokah—leader of the Cambodian National Rescue Party (CNRP) and his principal opponent—in prison. Hun Sen proceeded to disband the CNRP, bar its MPs from serving in public office, and cause many of them to flee into exile. Due to these crimes, there can be no doubt Cambodia's so-called elections this Sunday will not be free or fair. At present Cambodia can no longer be called a democracy, whatever its dictator wants to claim.

H.R. 5754 is simple. It would sanction those individuals who are responsible for crushing democracy in Cambodia to encourage them to reverse their actions, to show our support for the Cambodian people, and to demonstrate that we will not stand idly by when democracy is squashed around the world. I would urge my colleges to support this measure.

CHINA AND CHINESE COMPANIES
CONTINUE TO VIOLATE U.S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn China and Chinese companies for their continued theft and violation of United States intellectual property (IP) law.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) conference report that was passed on Thursday by the House of Representatives missed a crucial opportunity to hold ZTE, a Chinese telecommunications company, accountable for their blatant violation of U.S. IP law.

ZTE, and other Chinese companies, either outright steal American IP and present it as their own, or blatantly refuse to pay licensing fees for the use of this IP. If ZTE broke into a warehouse in Pennsylvania and stole millions of dollars' worth of microprocessors we would certainly hold them accountable. However, we are refusing to defend IP and make clear that ZTE must abide by U.S. IP law as a requirement for doing business in the U.S.

For too long China, and Chinese companies, have blatantly stolen U.S. IP at the expense of American companies and consumers. I would ask my colleagues and the Administration to make it a priority in holding companies like ZTE accountable for the theft and violation of U.S. IP laws.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT LOGAN
A. BRYAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Logan A. Bryan of Waukeet, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Logan is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 178 in Waukeet and is a student at Waukeet High School.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Logan's Eagle Scout Service Project included raising funds to purchase a portable AED for use at the Walnut Creek youth baseball complex. He also held a training class for coaches and board members to learn how to use the AED in an emergency. The work ethic Logan has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Logan