

February tightened existing restriction and new draft regulations are being circulated to clamp down on religious expression online. Churches, mosques, and temples have been demolished, crosses destroyed, children have been prohibited from attending services, and surveillance cameras are being installed in churches.

Xi Jinping talks about realizing the “China Dream”—but when Bibles are burned, when a simple prayer over a meal in public may be an illegal religious gathering, and when over a million Uyghur and Kazakh Muslims are interned in “reeducation camps” and forced to renounce their faith—that dream is a nightmare.

Much in the news lately has been the Chinese government’s targeting of Christians. The “sinacization campaign” has affected both state-controlled and unregistered churches—Protestant and Catholic. Clergy remain in prison and the human rights lawyers who defend religious believers have been jailed, disappeared, or tortured into silence. Xi Jinping views the fast-growing Christian churches, particularly the Protestant “house church” movement that does not belong to the state-sanctioned Protestant entities, as a threat to the dominance of the Chinese Communist Party. One of our witnesses yesterday, my good friend the Rev. Dr. Bob Fu, has detailed on countless occasions the Communist Party’s vicious war on independent house churches.

Underground Catholics—meaning those who do not belong to the state-sanctioned Patriotic Association—have faced tremendous persecution for decades, including Bishop Su Zhimin who I met with in 1994.

Bishop Su’s body bore witness to the brutality of China’s Communist Party. He was beaten, starved, and tortured for his faith and spent some 40 years in prison. Yet, he prayed not just for the persecuted church, but for the conversion of those who hate, torture and kill. Unfortunately, only a couple of years later Bishop Su was arrested again and disappeared. He has not been heard from since.

Today, efforts to forcibly close underground parishes expanded this year. China’s Ethnic and Religion Bureau told the state propaganda arm Global Times in April that “activities in illegally-built parishes will be prohibited” and underground Catholic churches were being shuttered this very summer.

Recent reports indicate that a deal has been struck by the Holy See and the Chinese government whereby the Pope will have veto power over Chinese government-approved candidates to be ordained as bishops. In exchange, seven previously excommunicated bishops, ordained without papal mandate and appointed by the Chinese government, will be welcomed back into full communion with Rome. Already, the Vatican has asked two validly ordained bishops to step aside to make way for two formerly excommunicated bishops. Cardinal Joseph Zen, bishop emeritus of Hong Kong, has questioned whether Vatican officials making these decisions “know what true suffering is.”

The reports are that this deal is provisional and full details are yet unknown. The devil will be in the details—including the fate of underground churches and relations with Taiwan. But with all the efforts underway to forcibly sinacize religion, it certainly seems an odd time to strike a deal with Xi Jinping’s China. I hope and pray this agreement will bring true religious freedom for Catholics in China—who

have suffered so much to maintain their faith. We will continue to monitor the situation closely to see if force is used by the Chinese government to close all “underground” or unregistered Catholic churches as a result of this deal.

We heard from Dr. Tom Farr on what the implications of this deal would be and his recommendations for U.S. religious freedom diplomacy.

U.S.-China tensions are high at the moment on many fronts and the Chinese government presumably is searching for ways to reduce—not escalate—them. Taking a hammer and sickle to the cross or jailing a million Uyghur Muslims will only ensure a tougher China policy, one with widespread, bipartisan and even global support.

HONORING REP. H.M. “MICKEY”
MICHAUX

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership and service of Representative Henry McKinley “Mickey” Michaux, who is retiring from the North Carolina General Assembly after nearly five decades of distinguished and impactful public service.

For many residents of Durham and the State of North Carolina, Mickey Michaux’s life of service has been synonymous with our growth and progress as a region as well as the challenges we have faced as a state and nation. A native of Durham, Michaux spent his childhood in segregated schools and public establishments, attending the prestigious boarding school, Palmer Memorial Institute, and graduating from North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in 1952. He went on to serve his country in the United States Medical Corps and Army Reserves from 1952 until 1960.

As a young business and civic leader, Michaux was at the forefront of the civil rights movement as it swept through the South. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s first visit to Durham in 1956 came at Michaux’s invitation, building on a friendship that would extend until King’s untimely death. His early involvement in local civil rights struggles led him to pursue a career in law; he earned his Juris Doctor from N.C. Central in 1964 and was appointed as the Chief Assistant District Attorney for Durham County in 1969.

In 1972, Michaux was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives, becoming just the third African American to hold a seat in the 20th century. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed him to serve as the first African American U.S. Attorney in the Middle District of North Carolina: after a distinguished term of service, he returned to the North Carolina House representing Durham’s 31st District. He has served continuously since then, making him the longest-serving member of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Throughout his more than four decades in the legislature, Michaux has been a visionary and effective advocate for equal rights, social justice, and shared prosperity. Nearly every progressive accomplishment of the last few

decades—investments in education and worker training, support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, expansions of voting rights and ballot access reforms—have benefited from his guidance and persistence. He served as the Senior Chair of the Appropriations Committee, overseeing numerous vital investments to create opportunities for North Carolina families. He has been a tireless ambassador for his community of Durham, for example by shepherding legislation unifying the city and county school districts through the state House. And he has led efforts to ensure that North Carolina honors its history as an epicenter of the civil rights movement, for example by establishing the Hawkins Brown Museum at Historic Palmer Memorial Institute.

Mickey Michaux has not hesitated to take on difficult causes. My wife Lisa greatly admired his introduction in the early 1990s of legislation designed to keep guns out of the wrong hands; her hope in founding North Carolinians Against Gun Violence was to make his cause a less lonely one.

Lisa and I have known Mickey for the 45 years we have been back in North Carolina. I worked with him as state Democratic chairman and then benefitted from his counsel and encouragement when I decided to seek office myself. He was especially welcoming and helpful when my district was redrawn to include Durham in 1997. I had a lot to learn, and I will always be grateful for Mickey’s generosity in easing my way.

Mickey has received countless awards and recognitions for his service, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine earlier this year. He has been a mainstay of numerous bar and real estate associations, the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, and St. Joseph’s AME Church. He is a member of the Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, served as an NCCU Trustee, and was National President of the N.C. Central Alumni Association for three terms. The H. M. Michaux, Jr. School of Education Building at NCCU was dedicated in his honor in 2007.

On behalf of North Carolina’s Congressional delegation and my constituents in the Fourth District, I join Mickey’s many friends, colleagues, and constituents in thanking him for his commitment and service to the city of Durham and the State of North Carolina. He leaves his community stronger than he found it, better equipped to nurture future generations of conscientious and effective leaders. All North Carolinians are in his debt. We wish him, his wife June, and their family well as he begins the next chapter in his life.

FRANK REWOLD AND SON, INC.

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Frank Rewold and Son, as this year marks the business’ 100th anniversary in my hometown of Rochester, Michigan.

In 1918, the widow of John Frances Dodge, of Dodge Motor Car Company, a co-founder of Oakland University, hired an established carpenter by the name of Frank Rewold. This marked the beginning of decades of building,

fixing, and problem solving by this incredible family. Frank Rewold passed the legacy onto his apprentice and son Roy Rewold.

Over the last 100 years, generations of Rewolds have designed and built countless structures in our community—everything from higher education buildings to manufacturing facilities. I'm proud of the heritage and reputation this company has maintained since 1918—their integrity, relationship focused, and honest outlook have resulted in historical connections that span generations.

In their 4th generation of leadership, Frank Rewold and Son has continued to be family owned and operated business. I'm grateful to have the incredible Frank Rewold and Son team investing and thriving in our community for the last 100 years.

Again—congratulations to Frank Rewold and Son on achieving this enormous milestone. I wish them continued success in the future.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHEELER MISSION MINISTRIES

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute an exceptional ministry in the State of Indiana. This year Wheeler Mission Ministries is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

In 1893, a small group of women from the Women's Christian Temperance Union recognized a tragedy in their city: "friendless women" in Indianapolis were regularly abandoned at Union Station, having no place to go and no one to care for them. As a response, these pioneering women opened a small refuge and residence for women in need, a refuge known today as Wheeler Mission. One hundred twenty-five years later, Wheeler Mission has expanded to become the oldest continuously operating ministry of its kind in the state of Indiana. Offering the Indianapolis and Bloomington communities homeless shelters, residential programming, addiction recovery services, and social enterprises, Wheeler has expanded to 9 locations and dozens of ministries. While its programs and services have adapted to meet the ever-changing needs of the community, Wheeler remains focused and unwavering in its commitment to Christ and the transformation that is possible through the Gospel.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on September 25, 2018, I voted against H.R. 6369, the Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Business Act of 2018, as amended (Roll Call No. 401). H.R. 6369 was brought to the floor for a vote under suspension of the Rules of the House of Representatives. H.R. 6369 increases the dollar cap of sole-source awards

under the HUBZone Program, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Program, and Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program. Although I support increasing the dollar cap of sole-source awards for our nation's service-disabled veterans, I reject the equivocation between service-disabled veterans and women. When it comes to being a small business owner, it is easy to understand that our nation's service-disabled veterans may need and definitely deserve an assist. However, women are just as qualified and able to succeed as anyone. We should not equivocate between those who served our nation and suffered a disability on account of it, and those who are biologically female, and fully capable of succeeding as a small business owner, just as much as any other American.

SAINT AMBROSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL WITNESS

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church, located in the district I represent in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Saint Ambrose was founded in 1868 as a ministry to recently emancipated persons of African ancestry. At its founding, Saint Ambrose Church was the worshiping community associated with Saint Augustine's College. Reverend Jacob Brinton Smith was the first pastor, and the first building was placed on a tract authorized by the North Carolina legislature in downtown Raleigh.

In 1896, under the leadership of Rev. James E. King, St. Ambrose became a free-standing congregation. Shortly thereafter, parishioners moved the entire building one mile, to the corner of South Wilmington and Cabarrus Streets, and renovated the church to include education rooms and a rectory. In the 1950's, under the leadership of Rev. George A. Fisher, the church attained parish status, becoming the first historically African American mission in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina to do so.

My own ties to St. Ambrose date to the long tenure (1959–98) of a wonderful pastor, Rev. Arthur Calloway, who also served three terms on the Raleigh City Council. Father Calloway oversaw the construction of the church's present facility on Darby Street in 1965 and the addition of an education wing in 1987. He was a civil rights leader, a prophetic voice in the community, and a mentor to many—among whom I am privileged to count myself.

Today, Saint Ambrose continues in this strong tradition of ministry and service, led by an inspiring young pastor, Rev. Robert Jermonde Taylor. He was preceded by Rev. Kimberly Lucas, the first female rector and the first African American woman ordained priest in the diocese.

As we look back at the legacy of Saint Ambrose, we give thanks for the church's positive impact on the lives of countless citizens in Raleigh and the surrounding communities. The congregation has set a powerful example by

proclaiming the gospel faithfully and ministering to the community in multiple ways—ranging from tutoring at-risk youth to partnering with Raleigh Urban Ministries, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, and Partners for Environmental Justice. On behalf of North Carolina's congressional delegation and my constituents in the Fourth District, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the leaders, congregants, and friends of Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary and look forward to the decades of ministry and service to come.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join those who have participated in public activities and forums this month to mark September as Dystonia Awareness Month. Public awareness events and campaigns help raise funds for improved research and treatment to one day find a cure.

Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder that causes muscles to contract and spasm involuntarily. It affects men, women, and children. Dystonia can be generalized, affecting all major muscle groups, and resulting in twisting, repetitive movements and abnormal postures. It can also be focal, affecting a specific part of the body such as legs, arms, hands, neck, face, mouth, eyelids, or vocal cords.

Dystonia is a chronic disorder producing symptoms that vary in degrees of frequency, intensity, disability, and pain depending on the type of dystonia. The inability to predict or control the movements of body parts vital to mobility and communication has a profound impact on an individual's life, and the lives of their loved ones.

I am proud to represent the Nachbar Family of Freehold, New Jersey. Janice and Len Nachbar are the incredibly devoted parents of Joanna—a beautiful, smart woman who is afflicted with dystonia. In their role as leaders of the Central New Jersey Dystonia Support and Action Group, they are active advocates on behalf of their daughter and the dystonia community. The Nachbars are just one of the thousands of families nationwide who are part of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation which raises awareness for dystonia and provides support to patients, families, and caregivers.

Since I first met the Nachbars and learned of dystonia, I have repeatedly requested adequate appropriations for important research funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense, and in 2015 I hosted a Congressional briefing where the Nachbars and other members of the dystonia community testified to the importance of funding and awareness for this terrible disorder.

Despite the prevalence of dystonia, awareness and proper diagnosis of this disorder is extremely limited. Many patients report that it took visits to numerous physicians over the course of years to get a correct diagnosis. Currently there is no single test to confirm the diagnosis of dystonia. Instead, the diagnosis