

Too many have already passed away without realizing that hope.

This amendment would require an update on efforts to conduct family reunifications for these Korean Americans.

It would also help heal old wounds by addressing the repatriation of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been missing since the Korean War.

It is vital that our North Korea policy be informed with an understanding that there are human victims of the ongoing conflict on the Peninsula.

I thank the Chairman, the Ranking Member, and Rep. ROS-LEHTINEN for working with me on this amendment and ask that my colleagues support it.

RECOGNIZING COLSTRIP UNITED

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of Montanans who banded together to protect their livelihoods and our communities against the war on coal.

Colstrip United emphasizes the importance of coal in Montana and the United States. The grassroots group counters false, anti-coal claims pushed by special interest groups and ensures the voices of their close-knit community are heard. Two members of the Colstrip community, Lori Shaw and Ashley Dennehy, lead Colstrip United to empower their community.

The hardworking folks at Colstrip supply the energy that keeps the lights on for millions of Americans. Colstrip United helps us remember the faces and communities behind the flick of a switch.

The group continues to grow its membership by advocating responsible development of our natural resources to grow our economy and protect our way of life. Colstrip United extends its focus beyond Colstrip, drawing attention to similar communities that are the backbone of our energy sector.

The group's motto is "Inform. Promote. Inspire." Colstrip United is about neighbor helping neighbor, a characteristic that defines the spirit of Montana.

Today, I pay tribute to the Montanans who are Colstrip United for their inspiring work to promote and protect our Montana way of life.

TRIBUTE TO ED GRIMES

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the late Ed Grimes, who served as Mayor and chief executive of the City of Tehachapi for six years. He passed away on May 21, 2018 at the age of 75 after a lifetime of service to his community.

Mayor Grimes started his storied career in public service on the Tehachapi Unified School District as a member of the School Board, serving a career of 20 years, twelve of which were spent as the board chairman. He

would later campaign successfully for a seat on the Tehachapi City Council in 2003, and was first elected as Tehachapi's Mayor in 2006. Over his career in public service, Mayor Grimes served ten years on the Tehachapi City Council and served three terms as mayor during the years of 2006 through 2008, 2010 through 2012, and 2016 through 2018. A man with a true heart for his city, Mayor Grimes refused a paycheck during his tenure as an elected city official, instead donating his salary to fund scholarships for Tehachapi high school students preparing to go to college.

Ed, affectionately known at home as "Mr. Tehachapi," called Tehachapi his home for 68 years of his life. A lifelong football fan with a heart for the youth of the community he served, Mayor Grimes dedicated his free time to fundraising for Tehachapi High School's Warriors football team, raising over \$50,000 for high school athletics over a period of nearly two decades. His passion for youth athletics was not limited to the sidelines; Mayor Grimes could often be heard narrating Tehachapi High School football games over the stadium public address system, a hobby that earned him the nickname of "The Voice of the Warriors."

Mayor Grimes will be remembered for his kindness, leadership, and passion for life. His life of service illustrates the best of public service, and he will be remembered as a man who truly loved the city he called home. It didn't matter if we were discussing the local economy, family or simply football, time spent with Mayor Grimes was always time well spent. I will miss Mayor Grimes' words of wisdom, his humble manner, and his laugh that was so infectious that you could not help but join him. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Ruthie, his children and grandchildren, and the entire Tehachapi community as we all mourn the loss of this local icon.

HONORING AMERICAN POW'S WHO DIED AT HIROSHIMA

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention a unique monument that is about to be installed in my district on Memorial Day. On May 28th a ceremony will be held at the Centralville Memorial Park in Lowell, Massachusetts to place a memorial stone in honor of the 12 American Army and Naval aviators who died as POWs from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. Participating in the remembrance will be Mr. Shigeaki Mori from Japan, a Hiroshima survivor (a hibakusha) who has devoted nearly half his life to identifying these men and notifying their families of their fate.

One of the POWs was 19-year-old Navy Airman 3rd-class Norman Brissette from Lowell, Massachusetts. He was among the 12 American airmen who survived the downing of four planes while on missions over Hiroshima and Kure on July 28, 1945. At the memorial ceremony, the Brissette family and friends will be joined by the family of another Hiroshima POW Army Air Corps Staff Sgt. Ralph J. Neal from Corbin, Kentucky. Both families were featured in the documentary film, Paper Lanterns, about Mr. Mori's quest to honor the memory and bravery of these American POWs.

Mr. Mori was eight years old when he survived the bombing of Hiroshima, then a military city. His elementary school became a temporary hospital and soon a crematory. As an adult, haunted by the horror and doubting the official number of 800 dead, Mr. Mori sought to find out how many people had died at his school. The actual number was 2,300. During his research, he also discovered that 12 American POWs were among the 100,000 who perished in Hiroshima.

The Americans were prisoners of the Kempeitai and held in Hiroshima's Chugoku Military Police Headquarters near the atomic blast's epicenter. Mr. Mori has spent decades identifying these Americans and locating their surviving family members in the United States. With the family's permission, he had the names of each of the 12 airman inscribed in Hiroshima's Register of the Names of the Fallen Atomic Bomb Victims. In July 1998, Mr. Mori placed a memorial plaque to the men on the building that was their prison. It is the only memorial in Hiroshima dedicated to the Americans killed there.

On May 27, 2016 President Barack Obama became the first sitting president to visit Hiroshima. After the ceremony, the President hugged a tearful Mr. Mori and thanked him for his work on behalf of the American POWs. The image of President Obama and embracing Mr. Mori has come to define friendship and reconciliation between the United States and Japan.

I welcome Mr. Mori and his wife Kayoko to my district and thank them for their dedication to peace and to making a world free of nuclear weapons. As President Obama said at Hiroshima, "we have a shared responsibility to look directly into the eye of history and ask what we must do differently to curb such suffering again." This is what the Moris have done.

STOP PAYING PAKISTAN TO BETRAY US

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we must remember that Pakistan continues to be an unreliable partner in the fight against terrorism. For nearly two decades, we have hoped that Pakistan would clear the terrorist safe havens along the Afghanistan border and end its support for violent extremist groups. We have even paid them \$13 billion to do this.

And yet, Pakistan still has not proven it is serious about combatting terrorism. Just earlier this month, the Pakistani Minister of Interior was shot by a man linked to an extremist political party in Pakistan. This political party believes Pakistan's blasphemy laws are not being strictly enforced to prosecute Christians or minority sects. The fact that Pakistan—a supposed ally of the United States—has a blasphemy law is troubling enough. Such intolerant laws only foster the extremism and hate that our terrorist foes thrive on.

But Pakistan's relationship with extremism is nothing new. Even when members of the Pakistan government become victims of the terrorism, they equivocate or blame someone else, like the U.S. or Afghanistan, while dismissing their own role in fueling such groups.

The evidence is clear, Pakistani sponsorship of terrorism can be traced to the Soviet-Afghan war and Pakistan's ongoing conflict with India. After 9/11, Osama bin Laden and his ilk fled to Pakistan for a clear reason: because they knew it was a safe place for extremists.

For too long, we have fooled ourselves into thinking Pakistan is a responsible nation. During the Cold War we made a mistake identifying an Islamist state like Pakistan as an ally. They do not share our values and have inflamed conflict across South Asia for a long time. We have poured billions of dollars into Pakistan hoping it will change. When will we accept that it will not? That violent extremism and anti-Americanism is too deeply rooted and that paying them only rewards bad behavior.

Currently, we authorize roughly \$700 million every year in coalition support funds for Pakistan to fight terrorism and support our efforts in Afghanistan. We long suspected, however, they were only taking token steps to fool us. Starting in FY2016, to be eligible for half of the CSF money, Congress required the Secretary of Defense to certify that Pakistan is taking adequate steps to combat the Haqqani Network—one of the worst terrorist groups in the region. And to no surprise, the Pentagon has been unable to certify that Pakistan is meeting this requirement since it was put into law. Despite failing to meet this certification, \$350 million of the CSF money still goes to Pakistan. If it is clear that Pakistan is permitting terrorist groups to operate on its territory, why are we giving them any money at all?

The time has come to end our delusion that Pakistan will fulfill its responsibility in the fight against terrorism. We should not be paying Pakistan to betray us. They will do it for free. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
RANDOLPH CONN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor a special Kentuckian, Mr. Randolph Conn from Bath County, Kentucky.

Mr. Conn was born June 27, 1922 to Oscar and Mary Conn. He answered his country's call and served in the United States Navy. Later he served in the United States Army prior to completing his service in 1948.

Mr. Conn returned home and married Bonnie Staton Conn in 1949. They have six children, 8 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Mr. Conn worked in a sawmill and worked as a mechanic. He later worked with his father, developed clock repair skills, and opened his own clock repair shop.

Mr. Conn and his fellow veterans are true heroes. I am humbled to honor him before the United States Congress.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER 4 CLARK ALAN PATTON

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Clark Patton, of Beau-

fort, North Carolina. Last month Chief Warrant Officer 4 Clark Alan Patton retired from the United States Army after 35 years of faithful service to our country. He exemplifies the very best of our military. Throughout the many years he served our country, he was always willing to go the extra mile and beyond the call of duty for the good of our nation and military. I have had the honor of knowing Clark for many years and have enjoyed and appreciated his friendship.

Chief Warrant Officer Clark attended Basic Training in November 1983. He would serve for 17 years rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant before attending Warrant Officer Candidate School. In 2002 then Staff Sergeant Patton was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer. Shortly after being commissioned, Warrant Officer Clark would deploy to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He would go on to serve 14 of his 34 years of service as a commissioned officer before his retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal.

Clark has lived in my district since 1992 with his wife Mary Ann. They have three children, Ashelyn, Joseph, and Jessica, and two grandchildren, Kasey and Maverick. I have always considered Clark and his family to be great friends for which I am most grateful. Chief Warrant Officer Patton has served our nation with dedication over the years, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his over three decades of service, and I extend to the Clark family many years of good health and happiness. God bless them.

HONORING SERVICE ACADEMY
APPOINTEES

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the students of Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District who were nominated and accepted appointments of our nation's service academies this year.

Students Parker Davis of Arkadelphia (United States Air Force Academy), Karrington Evans of Scranton (United States Naval Academy), Christina Harris of Malvern (United States Naval Academy Preparatory School), Clayton Nelson of Crossett (United States Naval Academy Preparatory School), Andrew Pequignot of Hot Springs (United States Merchant Marine Academy), Gavin Shapiro of White Hall (United States Military Academy), and Zachary Snook of Dardanelle (United States Naval Academy) exemplify the character and leadership abilities which will make them successful as they pursue careers in the Armed Forces.

RECOGNIZING THE GUAM POWER
AUTHORITY ON 50 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE ISLAND OF
GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Guam Power Authority (GPA) as it celebrates its 50th anniversary of serving the people of Guam. The Guam Power Authority provides electrical services on Guam to residential, commercial, government, and military customers. GPA was created in 1968 as a public corporation and autonomous instrumentality of the Government of Guam, and since that time has maintained and expanded the island wide power system for the island of Guam. In its 50 years of serving the island, GPA has adapted to multiple changing conditions. It has progressed to have enhanced flexibility as a Guam-owned entity with the mission to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible service to Guam's ratepayers.

GPA adds value to the services it provides through diversifying GPA's energy resources, and conducting maintenance throughout Guam's island wide power system. GPA also offers evolving online services for customers to conduct electric utility business at their convenience, all while continually upgrading its use of technology in all areas.

The agency has grown to meet the economic growth and rapid pace of technological advancements for the island. It has met the challenges of connecting all customers while aiming for superior customer service through accountability, efficiency and responsiveness. GPA has evolved from operating as an isolated power grid system to enhanced reliability with firm Integrated Resource Planning, optimizing energy production costs and forging beneficial public-private partnerships.

GPA has made great strides over the last 50 years to overcome obstacles and continue to grow. Today, the agency employs nearly 500 professional and technical individuals who bring electricity to the homes and businesses of Guam. These employees remain committed to providing energy service and solutions to the 52,000 customers of the Guam Power Authority.

Again, I commend and congratulate the Guam Power Authority (GPA) as it celebrates its 50th anniversary of serving the people of Guam. I commend the Guam Power Authority for their leadership in providing electricity to the local community. I recognize Mr. John M. Benavente, P.E., General Manager, the management team and all employees of the Guam Power Authority for their contributions to the success of GPA. I join the people of Guam in commending them for their service and growth over the last 50 years, and thanking them for their many contributions to our island. I look forward to many more years of success for the Guam Power Authority in support of improving the quality of life for the people of Guam.