

Mr. Speaker, the REFUSE Act is a sharp tool crafted to combat the influence of money in politics and shine a spotlight in the deepest recesses of our election system. The American people consistently report campaign finance reform as one of their top concerns for Congressional action. It is time for this body to act seriously to illuminate the full reach of foreign and corporate special interests. This is the first step to restore the integrity of our democracy.

HONORING MR. JOEL “JOE” P.
WILLIAMS

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my District Director Mr. Joel “Joe” P. Williams, who is leaving my office after more than 20 years of service to Alabama’s Second District.

Joe grew up in Headland, Alabama, and graduated from Auburn University in 1991. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Joe attended law school at my alma mater, the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, and then received a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1997.

Joe has served members of Congress for more than twenty years. Before joining my team as my District Director in 2010, Joe served on the staff of former Congressman Terry Everett for more than ten years. During his time with former Congressman Everett, he was the chief local contact with elected officials and community groups, and the manager of a range of constituent services in Congressman Everett’s district offices.

As a member of Congress, I know how vital it is to have a team of experienced and talented individuals who are familiar with the issues impacting the people of Alabama and who are dedicated to service. Joe has shown an unparalleled knowledge of Alabama’s Second District, and he has gone above and beyond the call of duty. I am thankful for Joe’s long tenure in my office, and I am proud to call him a dear friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join Joe’s colleagues, family, and friends in honoring his successful career in Congress. I wish him all the best as he transitions to the External Affairs division of the Alabama Community College System and continues to serve the great state of Alabama. I congratulate Joe—his presence on Team Roby will be greatly missed.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF
HILTON VILLAGE IN NEWPORT
NEWS, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a historic neighborhood in the Hampton Roads region of Virginia. Historic Hilton Village in Newport News will

celebrate its centennial on July 7, 2018. To mark the occasion, I would like to take a moment to highlight the history of this neighborhood and recognize its contributions to our community.

Hilton Village sits on 100 acres of forested land between the James River and C&O Railroad in the city of Newport News, Virginia. It was constructed in 1918 to address the severe housing shortage for shipbuilders employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company. At the time, the United States had just entered World War I and Newport News Shipbuilding had received contracts to build naval ships and thousands of shipbuilders came to the area to assist with the war effort.

Hilton Village stands out in United States history as the first government experiment in urban planning and the first federally funded war-housing project. The President of Newport News Shipbuilding, Homer L. Ferguson, first lobbied Congress for additional housing to support his burgeoning workforce when he traveled to Washington in 1917 to voice his concern with the overcrowding of shipbuilder’s quarters. Shortly after his visit, Congress provided the United States Shipping Board with \$1.2 million to plan and build Hilton Village. Henry Vincent Hubbard, a Harvard graduate and one of the best town planners at the time, served as the village planner. Francis Joannes was the village architect and Francis H. Bulot was the project engineer. They designed the buildings with the most modern methods based on input of shipbuilders’ wives. Hilton Village was designed to offer many local services. The plan even included tracks for a trolley car to allow workers to commute to the Shipyard and to the greater Newport News region where city services and shopping were centered. The first development of Hilton Village consisted of a block of English village style homes owned by Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, plots for four churches, a library and a strip of stores. By 1920, Hilton Village had developed into almost 400 homes, a fire-house, a business district, an elementary school which is still open to this day—Hilton Elementary School—and a small park with a beach and pier known as Hilton Pier.

After World War I, the chairman of the board at the shipyard, Henry E. Huntington purchased Hilton Village from the government and operated the community as the Newport News Land Company. Huntington’s Newport News Land Company rented out Hilton homes to community residents and in 1922 sold the properties to private owners. Gradually, Hilton Village became a community for families, business owners, retirees and young adults. In 1969, Hilton Village was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which deemed it worthy of preservation for its historical significance. Four streets—Hopkins Street, Post Street, Ferguson Avenue and Palen Avenue—are named after former Newport News Shipyard and Drydock Company executives. Two other avenues, Hurley and Piez were named in honor of U.S. Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation executives involved in the project.

Today Hilton Village boasts 27 unique boutiques, eateries, art galleries and salons and continues to thrive as one of Newport News’ prized cultural centers. In 2009, Hilton Village was designated one of 10 Great Neighbor-

hoods by the American Planning Association, because it is a prime example of timeless neighborhood planning. It was the first out of about 100 federally financed housing projects during World War I, and it remains a national model for communities that are looking to plan and build inclusive, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the residents of Hilton Village on their centennial celebration and for helping make Newport News a great place to live and raise a family.

HONORING ROBERT HOLMSTROM
OF MAPLEWOOD, MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Robert Holmstrom of Maplewood, Minnesota. Earlier this year he, along with 13,000 men and women who formed the ranks of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Their heroic actions during World War II contributed greatly to the success of our nation’s war efforts. So consequential were the missions they carried out that Robert and those with whom he served were sworn to secrecy for 40 years.

The OSS served as the preeminent intelligence and special operations organization over the course of World War II and the precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency. The OSS “organized, trained, supplied, and fought” in both the European and Pacific theaters, playing a decisive role in the Allied victory over Axis forces. The ranks of the OSS were comprised of exceptional citizens as well as members of every branch of the armed services. Their work was often conducted under conditions of extreme danger and in the most intense environments. The tide of the war may very well have turned against the Allies had it not been for the perpetual bravery and success of the men and women of the OSS.

An Army Air Corps-trained pilot, Robert Holmstrom was recruited to fly missions for the OSS. Conducted under Operation CARPETBAGGER, the missions would take him and a crew, in a blacked-out B-24, deep into Nazi occupied France where they dropped weapons, equipment, and OSS agents to assist French resistance fighters prior to the Allied invasion at Normandy on D-Day. Often flying in weather deemed unsafe for regular missions, and only on moonlit nights so as to see the resistance fighters signaling them with flashlights, these airdrops were often flown at very low altitudes. Between January of 1944 and May 1945, the men and women working under Operation CARPETBAGGER, completed 1,860 sorties and delivered 20,495 containers and 11,174 packages of vital supplies to the resistance forces in western and northwestern Europe. Their success and bravery earned them the moniker of “Carpetbaggers”.

Mr. Holmstrom returned to Minnesota where he had a long and successful career in Airline Plant Protection for Northwest Airlines.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Robert Holmstrom and the many others like him, who so admirably served our nation in the Office of Strategic Services during WWII.

In a time of unparalleled challenges, their bravery helped to lead the U.S. and our Allies to victory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on June 26, 2018, I missed several votes, as I was at the White House meeting with President Trump to discuss the way forward on the Appropriations process.

I missed Roll Call Number 291, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 961. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I missed Roll Call Number 292, on agreeing to H. Res. 961. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I missed Roll Call Number 293, on passage of H.R. 4294, the Prevention of Private Information Dissemination Act. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a constitutional amendment to reverse the impact of the Supreme Court's decision in

Citizens United v. FEC. No other recent decision has more sweepingly impacted our elections than this decision which allowed corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money to support candidates and PACs. Citizens United inflated the influence of corporations, megadonors, and special interests in American elections and in effect drowned out American votes.

Citizens United unleashed corporate campaign spending. But it also created a gaping hole in the barrier that once blocked foreign money in U.S. elections. Before 2010, all federal campaign spending was traceable back to an individual's contribution to a candidate or a PAC.

But because of the combination of Citizens United and FEC v. Wisconsin Right to Life, "social welfare" nonprofits (501(c)(4)) can now make political expenditures just like other super PACs. These 501(c)(4)s are even more attractive money funnels than traditional super PACs. They don't have to publicly disclose their donors.

Almost all major corporations have some foreign ownership. The black hole of corporations' unlimited contributions to PACs and 501(c)(4)s should trouble all freedom lovers. This amendment nullifies the misguided decision in Citizens United and chips away at the influence of special interests in our elections.

It restores the power of the American people to choose representatives who reflect their priorities. Mr. Speaker, I urge you to bring this bill to the floor for swift consideration.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 11

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2154, to approve the Kickapoo Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and S. 2599, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

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