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RUSSIANS ARE NOT OUR FRIENDS

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, now that the Manchurian President has come back from meeting with his holders in Helsinki, we need to look at what is going on here.

We were scolded today in another country by the President of the United States telling us how: Well, Russia has made mistakes. Well, we have made mistakes, too.

When has a President ever done that? And all my colleagues do is sit over there and don't say a word.

Let this have been some other President, it would be holy water in here.

He attacks women all the time—NANCY PELOSI, MAXINE WATERS, ELIZABETH WARREN, Megyn Kelly, Hillary Clinton, you name it. But then stands there next to the person that had everything to do with our elections being rigged or held up, and he stands there and says: Well, he said he didn't do it.

What is going on here? Is there any backbone?

The President of the United States doesn't have a backbone. What did I see today?

It used to be being called a communist was the worst thing you could call someone. Now they are our friends?

Wake up.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BANKS of Indiana). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

TAX REFORM

(Mr. NORMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the great news that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act continues to deliver for the people and small businesses of the Fifth District of South Carolina.

It has been almost 7 months since tax reform, and our economy is booming. People have a renewed hope and sense of security in their futures again.

Firsthand, I see small businesses in my district expanding and creating more jobs. New hires are at the highest level in 17 years. Small-business optimism is the highest in decades. Consumer confidence is at its highest in 2 decades.

I have directly heard from families who are seeing more hard-earned dollars remaining in their pockets. Because of our pro-growth policies, our economy, our families, and our businesses in my district and across the Nation will have strong futures.

Thanks to tax reform, South Carolinians and Americans are better off now.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DERRICK "BO" TAYLOR

(Mr. KIHUEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Derrick "Bo" Taylor, who attended the Route 91 festival in Las Vegas on October 1.

Bo was devoted to his two sons, Gregory and Kyle, and his girlfriend, Denise Cohen.

Bo worked for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 29 years, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant.

Bo and Denise dated for several years and attended the Route 91 festival together, where, tragically, they both died.

Bo is remembered by his friends and family as being very well liked and respected, and a leader. He was dedicated to everyone in his life and was known as a true friend.

I would like to extend my condolences to Bo Taylor's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

IN RECOGNITION OF LYNDA DuRANT

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent in my district, Mrs. Lynda DuRant, who saved her husband's life by bravely and correctly administering CPR in an emergency situation.

An educator in the Effingham County public school system, Mrs. DuRant used her CPR training to save her husband John's life when he suffered a significant cardiac event. The doctors said later that her immediate and proper use of CPR was crucial to his survival.

CPR has only a 10.6 percent success rate, because it is often performed incorrectly.

With early June being National CPR and AED Awareness Week, I encourage everyone to become certified in administering CPR.

Like Mrs. DuRant, you never know when you will be called upon in an emergency to save a life.

Thank you, Mrs. DuRant, for your brave action and for reminding us of the importance of this critical skill.

ESSENCE OF BETRAYAL

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today President Trump went to a foreign country and criticized his own country, the United States of America, while bowing and scraping to a foreign dictator, Putin.

Americans must ask this obvious question, and it is: Why does President Trump refuse to criticize Vladimir Putin about anything?

It must be because Putin knows something about President Trump that President Trump doesn't want the rest of us to know. If that is true, then President Trump has put his own well-being and interests above those of the Nation.

And that, Mr. Speaker, is the essence of betrayal. His actions have betrayed the confidence and the trust of the American people and could be called treasonous.

Sadly, Trump's supporters must look at themselves and think whether or not they were sold out by the dog whistle "Make America Great Again." They must now realize that the President has subjected himself to domination by the leader of the international white nationalist movement, Vladimir Putin.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the USA has approximately 121 sites around the country that are storing nuclear waste in approximately 39 States. They are in temporary facilities, temporary storage that could be subject to all sorts of problems, whether it be terrorist attack or other issues with nature.

I had the chance recently to visit Yucca Mountain, the facility in Nevada that would be the repository for nuclear waste, if it could be approved and put in place.

I was impressed with what I saw for many key issues. Seismic activity is very low in the area, if any. We have an issue where it could be a very hardened site for attack. It would be very difficult to attack it. And the issues with groundwater are nil, since groundwater is so deep in the Nevada desert, well below the areas proposed.

We need to do something about this situation with nuclear waste being stored temporarily the way it is or with moving forward with a project like Yucca Mountain, which is the only one approved in the United States currently under the law.

Mr. Speaker, further delay means further peril for the way this stuff is being stored currently. We need to move forward on this.

TRUMP-PUTIN MEETING

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn President Trump's unpatriotic performance and feckless

groveling to Russian dictator Vladimir Putin at today's summit in Helsinki.

President Trump, no, no, no. Putin's Russia is not a competitor of the United States. His Russia is a fierce enemy of liberty in the United States and globally. Putin seeks every chance to undermine democratic institutions. He illegally invaded Ukraine and gunned down and poisoned freedom fighters like Boris Nemtsov.

Our European allies are not our foes, Mr. President. They are our trusted friends.

How can President Trump ignore the piercing sacrifice of bloodshed for liberty by thousands, hundreds of thousands of our countrymen and millions of our allies?

As one of America's rich sons, he chose to dodge the draft when his number came up, and I haven't been able to find any veteran from his family.

So I remind my colleagues of Patrick Henry's admonition: Give me liberty or give me death.

With our Constitution as our anchor, this legislative branch, Article I, must rise to meet its constitutional obligations to preserve liberty at all costs, placing country over party.

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IN RECOGNITION OF DAN CARSON

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Carson from Norwich, New York, who started an adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges.

Seven years ago, Dan Carson started the Baseball Buddies game at the Norwich Little League field behind the middle school, and now it has grown into a huge community event.

The program recently hosted its annual game, where about 25 past or present players from the Norwich Purple Tornados were paired with special needs students. For these kids, the game is about more than baseball. The players and buddies form lifelong friendships and learn valuable lessons from each other.

Most students with special needs do not have the opportunity to participate in team sports in high school, but this game is an exception.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Dan for all his work that he has done to create a place where, regardless of ability, children can participate in the great American pastime. I know I speak for everyone when I say, "Play ball."

TRADE POLICY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 3, 2017, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the time tonight. It is my hope tonight that we will have a discussion in our country and in this historic Chamber on trade policy. I am delighted that two of my good colleagues have joined me to carry on this discussion.

A key tenet of international economic policy for the Trump administration has been to improve U.S. bilateral and multilateral trade arrangements with an eye toward enforcing reciprocity with our trading partners as it relates to tariff levels and the elimination of nontariff barriers. The goal: to simply achieve more market access for American goods and services.

Mr. Trump recognized this, campaigned on free and fair trade, and routinely emphasizes the importance of reciprocity between trading partners. He has stated that he prefers bilateral arrangements over multilateral arrangements by indicating that he did not want to pursue the Transpacific Partnership or the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, one with Asia partners and one with the EU.

While it is true that bilateral treaties are easier to negotiate and acquire, select multilateral arrangements can achieve broad geopolitical and geo-economic strategic objectives.

In the case of TPP, it could, potentially, significantly leverage the economic clout of China in Southeast Asia and obviously link longstanding free trade partners across the transatlantic region with the TTIP.

President Trump has also initiated the effort to improve the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, among the United States, Mexico, and Canada. He has called this agreement one of the worst ever, but has offered concrete ways to improve it and modernize it for current conditions in Mexico, Canada, and the United States. No doubt, these are, in fact, significantly different than back in 1992 when the NAFTA agreement was arranged.

This work continues in earnest, and I am pleased that the administration has made significant strides in improving NAFTA between Canada and Mexico over the past year, something that I think is very important in my home State of Arkansas, where Mexico and Canada are absolutely the largest trading partners that our companies and farmers have in my home State.

President Trump's objectives of changing the mercantilistic trade policies of China have proven more challenging. Tonight, we will talk about the President's strategy, because we want the United States to have an opportunity in China. We want a more open China trading process. We want more goods and services made in America sold in China.

But over the last 3 decades, China has developed into one of the world's largest and fastest growing economies,

but also one of the world's largest protectionist economies, putting up barriers to American goods and services in both tariff matters and in nontariff ways.

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We are going to talk about that tonight, and I would like to start by talking about that with my friend from Ohio. What is interesting is that this strategy of getting at a more open China, ending a more mercantilistic trading policy with China has taken a couple courses of action: one, the President has imposed section 301 under the Trade Act of 1974, going after China's intellectual property theft in the U.S., their ability to compel U.S. companies or companies from the European Union to give up their intellectual property in order to do business in China, clearly a violation. And so the President has proposed a 301 investigation and tariffs related to that.

He has also imposed tariffs under the 1962 act for national security purposes across the board on steel and aluminum—all countries, all products. And that is very challenging, Mr. Speaker, because, if the real issue is getting at China, the world's largest subsidizer and dumper of steel and aluminum, this may not be the most successful strategy to accomplish. That could, in fact, be a distraction from our ultimate objective in opening China.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. DAVIDSON), my friend, so that we can have his perspective on tariffs and trade and how we can improve and be more successful in getting the outcomes that we want.

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, prior to coming to Congress 2 years ago, I spent 15 years building manufacturing companies. I have been personally on the receiving end of bad trade policy and bad trade practices. So, in 2016, when President—then candidate, now President—Trump talked about making America great again by dealing with bad trade deals and bad trade practices, frankly, he energized me and many other people in my industry, in the manufacturing sector, and, indeed, all across the country because America has lived with bad consequences of bad trade deals.

In fact, America has built its history on trade. Truly, economic liberty is as much a part of America's history as religious liberty and other forms of liberty. We were the world's largest trading country. We are a great trading power in every way you can measure it. We do have trade deficits with some countries, but we have to pay attention to the right metrics.

So when we talk about bad trade practices and bad trade policies, we talk about, to use an analogy, watching basketball. Think how the sport would change if there were no fouls called and no one could shoot free throws. These are the kinds of things that happened with the WTO. Eventually, after, sometimes, years of filing a