

(3) In section 2, after “a ‘public safety officer’ as defined in section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284)”, insert the following: “..”

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

(4) At the end of division G, strike the following: “..”.

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the College of William & Mary's founding by British royal charter 325 years ago on February 8, 1693.

As our Nation's second oldest college, William & Mary has been coined the “Alma Mater of the Nation.” From George Washington to Thomas Jefferson to many of my contemporaries in Congress, William & Mary has played an important role in shaping our Nation and its leaders.

I am proud to say that that tradition continues today. For the last 325 years, William & Mary has been the place where the world's greatest minds come to study. The college is consistently ranked among our Nation's most elite public universities and delivers an education that is rated among the highest in value for its graduates.

Many of William & Mary's accomplishments would not have been possible without the leadership of President Reveley. On June 30, he will retire from William & Mary after 27 years of service to the college, the Commonwealth, and the Nation. I want to congratulate President Reveley for a job well done and wish him a happy retirement.

#### ABSENCE OF PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP ON RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

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

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep concern in the wake of President Trump's failure to levy economic sanctions on more of Russia's oligarchs, allowing Putin's repressive regime its continued illegal aggression on Ukraine.

In his State of the Union, the President used the single word, “Russia.” That was it. And then he decided to call it “a rival.”

A rival? How about enemy of liberty? How about that?

In stark contrast to every other President going back to Ronald Reagan, read what wasn't said in this State of the Union. This raises serious questions as to why President Trump is letting Russia off the hook.

Why would President Trump reject the advice of all U.S. intelligence offices, including that of his own CIA Director, especially when the United States intelligence agencies know Russia interfered massively in our elections and European elections, our most important alliance, and uses its military assets to undermine liberty?

Thankfully, Special Counsel Robert Mueller's team seeks answers, but Trump's most troublesome financial connections with Russia-linked investors and intermediary banks remain questions that need to be answered.

Speaking as co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, I urge my colleagues to act in the national interest and in the absence of Presidential leadership on Russian aggression.

#### RECOGNIZING MONTANA'S OLYMPIC ATHLETES

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three Montana athletes who will join Team USA and compete in the 2018 Winter Olympics. Darian Stevens of Missoula, Maggie Voisin of Whitefish, and Brad Wilson of Butte will represent not only Montana, but our great Nation.

This is the second Olympics where Maggie has qualified, and she will compete in the women's slopestyle skiing. Darian, who began skiing when she was 4 years old, will also compete in the women's slopestyle skiing. Brad, who also started skiing when he was just 4 years old and who competed in the Sochi Games four years ago, will compete in the men's mogul skiing.

I look forward to cheering on these outstanding Montanans. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Maggie, Darian, and Brad success in the 2018 Winter Olympics.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DENISE COHEN

(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 Denise Cohen.

Denise was a loving mother of two. She worked as a property manager in Santa Barbara, California, and always made everyone around her feel good.

She attended the Route 91 music festival in Las Vegas with her boyfriend, Bo, to celebrate her 56th birthday. Denise was a huge country music fan, and she loved concerts and was a vibrant and positive woman.

She is remembered by her son, Jeff, as a strong and beautiful person who made a difference in the lives of the people she knew. She always had a vibrant and positive attitude.

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

#### HONORING RETIRING CAPTAIN PETER DUPREE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Washington, D.C., firefighter for his more than three decades of exceptional service.

Captain Peter Dupree has served more than 31 years with the District of Columbia Fire Department. He started his firefighting career in 1977 as a volunteer with his hometown fire company in Avis, Pennsylvania, in Clinton County. Pete rose through the ranks and eventually became fire chief.

In 1986, Pete moved to Maryland and joined the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Station 14, in Prince George's County. That same month, Pete was appointed as a probationer for the District of Columbia Fire Department. After passing required courses, he was assigned to Truck 12 in Northwest D.C.

In December of 2000, Pete achieved the rank of sergeant. Three years later, he would be promoted to lieutenant at Engine 18 on Capitol Hill. Then, in 2008, Pete became a captain in Northwest D.C. at Truck 9. He retired from the station in January after more than 31 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to thank Captain Peter Dupree, a native son of Clinton County, and wish him well in his retirement.

#### LOCAL BENEFITS FROM THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

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

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a company in the Third Congressional District of

Alabama that has given out \$500 bonuses to all their 500 employees as a direct result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Russell Lands in Alexander City is the first company in my congressional district to distribute bonuses as a direct result of the tax overhaul.

The historic tax reform legislation recently signed into law by President Trump is helping companies and hardworking families in Alabama and across America. Thanks to tax reform, U.S. companies are paying more than \$3 billion in bonuses, and over 3 million workers have received a bonus or a pay increase because of the tax cuts.

I am proud of Ben Russell and his company for leading the way on this, and I am thrilled that his employees are receiving this extra money. This bonus is a car payment, a new washing machine, or savings for school. This bonus represents opportunity, and I don't think you would ever hear the employees at Russell Lands calling their bonus "crumbs."

#### LOCAL BENEFITS FROM THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

(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, last week I received a letter from Frank Suits, Jr. Frank is the president and CEO of Suit-Kote Corporation, a family-owned, multigenerational paving company located in the 22nd District, in Cortland, New York. He wrote to share the impact that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will have on Suit-Kote's nearly 800 families.

As a direct result of the lower income tax brackets included in the tax cuts legislation, Suit-Kote employees receive an automatic 2 percent increase in their take-home pay in 2018. This increase means about \$1,400, on average, in the paychecks of each hardworking family.

Suit-Kote's 401(k) plan has also increased by 11.5 percent and totals more than \$56 million. This means that each individual employee saw an average increase of more than \$6,400 in their 401(k) savings plan.

In direct response to the new tax law, Suit-Kote Corporation has announced plans to match the Federal tax cut and provide its employees with a 2 percent retroactive pay increase. They also plan to accelerate its 401(k) contribution for 2018 by 4 months to provide employees additional funds in their retirement accounts.

The benefits are not crumbs. These are actual results involving real people.

Small businesses like Suit-Kote are proof that delivering desperately needed tax cuts are the most effective way to improve the lives of New Yorkers, not Albany's oppressive tax-and-spend, cronyist policies.

#### RECOGNIZING WESLEY MONUMENTAL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

(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 the 150th anniversary of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in downtown Savannah, Georgia, just off of Calhoun Square.

On January 19, 1868, 54 people formed the original congregation, meeting in an old school building. This small congregation formed the very beginning of the church that today is a monument to John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism.

Construction on its current design began in 1875, and finances were contributed from across the world, truly making this a church that belongs to all methodists no matter where they are from.

Through a yellow fever epidemic, two fires, and more, the congregation and its gothic-style building have endured. Today, around 500 people worship each Sunday and enjoy services that embody a rich music heritage at Wesley Monumental and some of the best sermons in town.

This current congregation truly has a great responsibility to care for this historic place. I am confident that they are up to the task.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, my wife and I have been members of this church since 1980. We have raised three sons in this church, and it has truly been a blessing to my family.

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#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EMMA PRIMAS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a sense of sadness but with joyful noise, if you will, to celebrate Mrs. Emma Primas, 112 years old, who passed away last month in the arms of the comforting Lord and her family.

Mrs. Primas was a historic figure. She was someone who lived through the suffragette movement; lived through World War I; was a street car operator in San Francisco; the head of nutrition for the schools of San Francisco; a businessowner in Houston, Texas, where she owned a store and was able to provide for others who could not pay for the food.

She paid poll tax to vote. She provided for her grandchildren. She loved her wonderful daughter and her wonderful grandchildren. She became an icon in our community. People flocked to her because she was alert and bright, and she could tell us the history not only of her life but of this Nation.

How wonderful it was for her to be able to vote for the first African-American President. When I hosted her in Washington with President Barack Obama, she said it was the greatest moment in her life. Obviously, I know the love of her children was even greater, but she was so excited.

And when, of course, she met the former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, she was rejoicing as well.

To all of her wonderful grandchildren, I know that Saturday at the Community of Faith, February 10, we will celebrate her life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence in honor of this great American, Mrs. Emma Primas, 112 years old. Though she has gone home to glory, she has celebrated her life as a great American and a great patriot.

#### AMERICA NOW KNOWS

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

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, America now knows the truth. The Democratic Party hired the Perkins Law Firm. The Perkins Law Firm hired the Fusion GPS company. Fusion GPS needed two things: fake dirt on Donald Trump, and they needed a way to inject that fake dirt into the bloodstream of our intelligence community. So they hired Christopher Steele. And then they went and hired Nellie Ohr, the wife of senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr.

Now, Bruce Ohr's portfolio included counternarcotics and antidrug work. But all of a sudden, after his wife gets hired from the money that you can trace back to the Democratic Party, Bruce Ohr starts taking counterintelligence meetings, meeting with Glenn Simpson and Christopher Steele, before and after the election.

What should enrage the American people is the notion that cash at a political party could ever be convertible to a warrant to spy on political enemies in the United States of America.

That is what we are fighting against. That is what is at issue. That is why we are going to do everything we can to hold the bad actors accountable and then institute reforms so that this type of thing never happens again.

#### IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I first would like to take a moment to remember a hero of the civil rights movement in central Florida.

Harry T. Moore was born on November 18, 1905. He was an African-American educator, a pioneer leader of the