

and suffering of the Kashmiri Pandits at a briefing hosted by my dear friend and mentor, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO. I appreciated the Pandits coming to Capitol Hill to tell their stories. I want to recognize and thank Jeevan Zutshi, my constituent, for his leadership in organizing this forum.

I was encouraged to see other key leaders of Congress attend like ZOE LOFGREN, ELIOT ENGEL, and MIKE THOMPSON. As we consider the complexities of South Asia, we need to make sure that all Kashmiri stories of loss are heard and recognized, and be sure to stand up for human rights of all faiths. India was founded on the promise of a pluralistic society, and Madam Speaker, it's now more important than ever to stand up for those ideals.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I was absent due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 568; "yea" on rollcall No. 569; and "yea" on rollcall No. 570.

IN RECOGNITION OF GRACE QUINN GOODPASTURE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Grace Quinn Goodpasture for being selected as a recipient of a Student-Athlete-Scholarship from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Grace attends the Steward School in Ashland, Virginia, where she played 4 years of Varsity Soccer, lettering all four years. She was also a member of the Varsity Cross Country and Dive team, lettering in those as well. She says community service is a core value of her family and has always been a part of her life. She has earned her Gold Award in the Girl Scouts and was a Senate Page for the Virginia Senate. Her spirit of service should inspire all of us.

I commend her on receiving this recognition for her distinguished scholastic, leadership, and sportsmanship attributes and the importance of high school athletics in her life. Recognition of her work in the community, in the classroom, and on the athletic field is a testament to her commitment to hard work and service to others. She is an example of the leaders that we will need to guide our nation and the Virginia Commonwealth in the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Grace Goodpasture for her achievements in her community. May God bless Grace and her family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following vote which took place on October 21, 2019. However, if I had been present, I would have voted "yea" on: H.R. 4407—SCORE for Small Business Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF BELL'S SEED STORE

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bell's Seed Store on the 100 year anniversary of their founding.

In 1919, Bell's Seed Store was opened by William M. Bell. Bell's Seed Store quickly became a staple in Fayetteville. As the city grew and rural roads and farms gave way to streets and industry, Bell's Seed Store continued to thrive, adapting to changing consumer demands.

In 1957, the store moved from its original location beside the old courthouse on Gillespie Street to its current home on East Russell Street, where it occupies an impressive four-acre campus that houses four separate facilities, two for retail and two for storage. While mainstay agriculture products such as animal feed, hay, and fertilizers originally comprised the majority of Bell's sales, many customers today are also interested in a unique selection of home and garden accents.

At its core, Bell's Seed Store is a family business spanning generations. William M. Bell Jr. took over operations from his father, managing the store until the late 1980's. Stewart Bell, William Jr.'s son, started working at Bell's right after college. Today, he has since become the third Bell to take the reins of a business which has expanded and developed into one of Fayetteville's oldest and most cherished family-run enterprises. As I extend my gratitude to Andrew Bell for his service as Chief of Staff here in Washington, I know he will be a welcome fourth generation to this family business.

100 years in business means 100 years of gaining the trust of the community by providing excellent service and reliable products. Bell's Seed Store has truly ingrained itself within Fayetteville, as generations of customers have walked out of its store satisfied, continuing a tradition which, like Bell's Seed Store, spans a century.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Bell's Seed Store for 100 years of business.

CONGRATULATING COREY BOBY ON RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fourth District educator Corey Boby for receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

It is an honor today to recognize his hard work and dedication to excellence in teaching mathematics and science. Mr. Boby has long been a devoted educator to the students of the Fourth District of Arkansas. After serving for several years as an educator within the Arkansas school system, Mr. Boby now serves at the Dawson Education Cooperative in Arkadelphia, one of the state's fifteen education cooperatives.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is one of the highest honors which is bestowed upon a kindergarten through 12th grade science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or computer science teacher. I am pleased to see one of the Fourth District's own ranked among the finest educators our nation has to offer.

I take this time to congratulate Mr. Boby on this tremendous honor, but also to thank him for his commitment to advancing the STEM skills and academic excellence of Arkansas students.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD APPLE ON RECEIVING THE NATIONAL CITIZEN SCIENTIST CHAMPION AWARD FROM THE GLOBAL ALZHEIMER'S PLATFORM FOUNDATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Apple, the recipient of the first ever National Citizen Scientist Champion Award from the Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation. This award recognizes Mr. Apple for his advocacy for Alzheimer's clinical trial participation in Illinois.

A resident of Rockford, Illinois, Mr. Apple's passion for Alzheimer's research advocacy stems from losing both of his grandparents to Alzheimer's and having been the primary caregiver to his uncle and his mother, both of whom died from the disease. He has since devoted his time to aiding in research, enrolling in his first trial at Great Lakes Clinical Trials in Chicago, IL immediately after he retired and has participated in four since then. I want to thank Mr. Apple for his contributions to science and furthering the cause to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

It is because of community leaders such as Richard Apple that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Richard Apple on his receipt of

the National Citizen Scientist Champion Award from the Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 18, 2019 during roll call no. 565, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3624, Huizenga of Michigan Part C Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 566, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3624, Hill of Arkansas Part C Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 567, On Passage, H.R. 3624, Outsourcing Accountability Act of 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN DALE FORD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of Lieutenant Colonel John Dale “JD” Ford, who passed away on October 11 at the age of 56.

JD was born on October 16, 1962, in Laurel, Mississippi. He was a graduate of Taylorsville High School, where he was the second basemen for the Taylorsville Tartars baseball team. After graduation, he pursued higher education at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi.

JD answered the call to serve our great nation in the Mississippi National Guard and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in October of 2018. As a Mississippi Guardsman, JD worked in the United States Property and Fiscal Operations Department for 36 years and deployed to Kuwait and Iraq.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 29 years, Bobbi Jo Ford of Brandon, Mississippi; his sons—John Dale Ford, Jr. and William Robert Ford; his daughter, Maci Ford Whyte of Brandon, Mississippi; his sisters—Marilyn Naron of Brandon, Mississippi, Nancy Ford of Brandon, Mississippi, and Emily Evans of Taylorsville, Mississippi; as well as many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Lieutenant Colonel John Dale Ford’s life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. GERTRUDE NEWSOME-JACKSON

HON. ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Gertrude Newsome-

Jackson of Phillips County, who fought for civil rights throughout her entire life. A mother of 11 children, Mrs. Jackson was known throughout the Delta area as a leader in the civil rights movement. Jackson has received recognition and honor from president’s and her community members alike. Her work and legacy will forever continue to impact the great people of Arkansas.

In the 1960’s, Gertrude Jackson and her husband Earlis Jackson hosted the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was quintessential in the work of desegregation throughout Arkansas and the country. With some ideas from the SNCC and inspiration from her children, she led a boycott and law suit for the desegregation and sewage fixing of Turner Elementary schools and all the surrounding local schools.

Mrs. Jackson’s efforts led the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit to mandate the school district “to fully and effectively desegregate not only all facilities but the faculty and classes effective at the beginning of the 1970–71 school year.” Gertrude Jackson’s spirit to serve her community also led her to establish the Boys, Girls, Adults Community development center that continues to facilitate the community today in Marvell, Arkansas. I am eternally grateful for Gertrude Jackson service in our district and state.

BASELESS ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since the day President Donald Trump was elected, bitter Democrats have been obsessively scheming for any sign of alleged wrongdoing and citing impeachment of the duly elected President. Every time a new accusation comes to light, it is contrived by unsubstantiated evidence and later disproved, wasting already over \$35 million of taxpayers’ hard earned money. It is disappointing that instead of addressing issues for American families, House Speaker NANCY PELOSI continues this divisive, unsubstantiated attack on President Trump.

Instead of addressing issues truly affecting Americans, such as passing the United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement (USMCA) or repealing the unjust “Widow’s Tax,” House Democrats continues this attempt to mislead the American people with baseless attacks on President Trump. The House Speaker’s refusal to hold a floor vote where all House members can vote to authorize this inquiry conceals a public process. Let me be clear, there is no reason for these accusations aside from bitter partisan politics.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

CONGRATULATING DAVE CHAPPELLE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dave Chappelle for receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor this year.

On October 27, 2019, Dave Chappelle will be the recipient of the 22nd annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. He will be the first District of Columbia-born recipient of this award, making D.C. residents exceedingly proud of his recognition.

Chappelle, who graduated from Duke Ellington School of the Arts (Duke Ellington), the city’s premier performing arts high school, attributes a great deal of his success to his upbringing in the Nation’s Capital and to Duke Ellington. At Duke Ellington, he was inspired by his older peers to do better and take risks in artistic expression.

After graduating from Duke Ellington, Chappelle committed to standup comedy. He later went on to produce and star in his own show, “the Dave Chappelle Show,” and earn an Emmy for his performance on Saturday Night Live. His collection of awards now includes two Emmys and two Grammys.

Chappelle has never forgotten D.C. as his home. He has gone back to Duke Ellington to speak and inspire students, often reflecting on his own time at the school. He graciously gave the school his Emmy in 2017, impressing on the students that fighting the odds is possible. He is an advocate for equal rights for D.C. residents, and D.C. residents returned the love in 2017 when Chappelle was painted, alongside other well-known African American Washingtonians, on the wall of Ben’s Chili Bowl on U Street.

The Mark Twain Prize for American Humor is an annual award given to individuals who have impacted society in ways similar to 19th-century novelist and essayist Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Like Mark Twain, Chappelle is an intense observer of society. I could not agree more with Kennedy Center President Deborah F. Rutter when she said, “Dave is the embodiment of Mark Twain’s observation that ‘against the assault of humor, nothing can stand.’”

As a recipient of the Mark Twain Prize, Chappelle follows in the footsteps of America’s best comedians, most recently, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, David Letterman, Bill Murray, Eddie Murphy and Jay Leno.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to honor Dave Chappelle for his contributions to the art of humor, for his contributions to the District of Columbia through his comedy and advocacy, and for receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 569.