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IN RECOGNITION OF TRAVOIS, INC.

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my esteemed colleague, Rep. SHARICE DAVIDS, of Kansas City, Kansas to recognize Travois, Inc., a Certified B Corporation headquartered in Kansas City, that has been named a “Best For The World” honoree by B Lab. Travois focuses exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. We are proud to have this socially and environmentally conscious company in the Kansas City metro region.

Since its establishment in 1995, Travois has generated \$1.4 billion in housing and economic development in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities, helping clients build or rehabilitate more than 5,400 affordable homes. The company has brought more than \$800 million in private investor equity to more than 200 developments in Indian Country. Travois raises capital for this purpose through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the New Markets Tax Credit program, and through impact investors.

Travois’ work promotes public benefits, is designed to solve social-and environmental issues, creates economic opportunity for individuals and communities, and focuses on underserved populations. The company also finances critical economic development projects, including infrastructure, healthcare, community centers, education facilities, and senior living centers in 22 states. Additionally, it provides employee benefits like on-site daycare and uses an extensive renewable energy system of rooftop solar panels to power its headquarters building.

Travois has been honored in two categories of Best For the World: Overall and Customers. It earned recognition as Best for the World: Overall due to its rank in the top 10 percent of all B Corporations worldwide across all six impact areas—environment, workforce, local communities, supplies, customers, and corporate governance. It is one of only 119 U.S. companies that were recognized with this honorary designation and is the only Missouri-based company in this category.

The Best For the World recognition is administered by the global nonprofit B Lab, which certifies and supports Certified B Corporations that are dedicated to using business as a force for good. The 3,000 B Corporations are spread across 64 countries and 150 indus-

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of the late Rep. John Conyers, the longest serving African American in Congress, a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and the former Dean of the House.

During his more than 50 years in the House of Representatives, Rep. Conyers built a reputation as a champion for civil, human and voting rights. He was relentless: Just four days after the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed, Rep. Conyers introduced the first bill to create a federal holiday honoring him. Fifteen years later, he finally got it over the finish line when President Reagan signed it into law in 1983.

Rep. Conyers spent his life advocating for those who often did not have a seat at the table. He helped spearhead landmark reforms including the original passage and several extensions of the Voting Rights Act, as well as passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Hate Crimes Act of 2009. In 2002, Rep. Conyers successfully pushed for the Help America Vote Act, legislation that made sweeping improvements to voting systems and voter access.

On a personal note, Rep. Conyers also had ties to my hometown of Selma, Alabama, where he led a voter registration drive in February 1965, just one month before the Bloody Sunday Selma to Montgomery march. Rep. Conyers was in his first year in Congress, but Dr. King said his “very presence there has had an electric effect upon the voteless and beleaguered Negro citizens of this city, county, state and nation.”

Rep. Conyers never waivered in his steadfast support of his beloved Detroit and those he served. May he rest in peace.

DIRECTING CERTAIN COMMITTEES TO CONTINUE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS INTO WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, to its credit, the House is demonstrating the seriousness of steps that could lead to the impeachment of a president. In my judgment, shameful breaches of conduct (and Trump has committed many), such as President Clinton’s affair with Monica Lewinsky, were not impeachable because official duties were not implicated. For impeachment, the Constitution requires “high Crimes and Misdemeanors.” An affair with an intern is disgraceful, not criminal.

The people are ahead of the Congress on impeaching this President, or at least on the inquiry we formalize, if consistent indications from polls can be counted as evidence. The House is taking the right step in ratifying the inquiry process that will lead to the necessary open hearings.

As a member of the Oversight and Reform Committee, I have been sitting in on closed hearings from witnesses whose testimony is part of the prescribed process. The prosecutor, the House, is conducting an inquiry, which is like a grand jury proceeding or a U.S. Attorney investigation to determine if there has been a violation of law. These procedures are always closed to protect the innocent parties in case the decision is made that there is not enough evidence to move forward. So far, witnesses have come forward to corroborate evidence indicating that Trump used his office as president to seek “a favor,” an investigation of his most prominent opponent in the forthcoming election, by a foreign power who had life or death dependence on the appropriated U.S. funds.

Was there an attempt made to hold security funding hostage to the president’s concern about a political rival? If this question is deemed not to be worthy of the inquiry—investigation—we authorize today, it would be difficult to ever again define any conduct that deserves an impeachment inquiry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 29, 2019 during roll call no. 587, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 655, Providing for consideration of H. Res. 296, affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 588, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 655, Providing for consideration of H. Res. 296, affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide. Had I been

present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 589, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 656, Providing for consideration of H.R. 823, the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act; H.R. 1373, the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act; H.R. 2181, the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019; providing for proceedings during the period from November 1, 2019 through November 11, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 590, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 656, Providing for consideration of H.R. 823, the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act; H.R. 1373, the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act; H.R. 2181, the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019; providing for proceedings during the period from November 1, 2019 through November 11, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 591, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 296, Affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 592, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 4695, Protect Against Conflict by Turkey Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN MARCUS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the career and advocacy of Stephen Marcus as he is named 2019 Man of the Year by the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation.

At a young age Stephen was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis. Years later, he would also be diagnosed with Crohn’s Disease. Rather than live quietly with these invisible diseases, Stephen chose to advocate for those who share his diagnosis.

In 2010, Stephen, along with his son Jake, formed Team Intestinal Fortitude. Since its inception, Team Intestinal Fortitude has raised more than 1.2 million dollars for those who suffer from inflammatory bowel diseases.

Later in 2012, Stephen became President of the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America’s New England Chapter. While President he spearheaded the campaign to pass Massachusetts’ Restroom Access Act. This law requires public establishments to grant a customer with eligible medical conditions access to the facilities on premise regardless of store

policy. This important legislation helped raise awareness and give dignity to those who suffer from IBD. More recently, he has become head of the chapter’s advocacy committee, where he is committed to working to combat unnecessary and reductive barriers between patients and their insurance companies.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the necessary work of Stephen Marcus and offer my sincere gratitude for his dedication to improving the lives of those suffering from IBD.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 28, 2019 through October 30, 2019, due to a serious illness in my immediate family. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yes on Roll Call No. 585; Yes on Roll Call No. 586; Yes on Roll Call No. 587; Yes on Roll Call No. 588; Yes on Roll Call No. 589; Yes on Roll Call No. 590; Yes on Roll Call No. 591; Yes on Roll Call No. 592; No on Roll Call No. 593; No on Roll Call No. 594; No on Roll Call No. 595; No on Roll Call No. 596; Yes on Roll Call No. 597; No on Roll Call No. 598; No on Roll Call No. 599; No on Roll Call No. 600; No on Roll Call No. 601 and Yes on Roll Call No. 602.

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SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 660.

This is only the fourth time in its 230-year history, the House of Representatives is voting to authorize a public inquiry into whether to exercise one of the most solemn responsibilities of Congress: impeachment of the President of the United States.

Under the Constitution, the criteria for impeachment and removal from office are “treason, bribery, or other high crimes and mis-

demeanors.” While the Constitution does not define the scope of “high crime and misdemeanor,” Alexander Hamilton wrote in the Federalist Papers that impeachable offenses are those that arise “from the abuse or violation of some public trust” and “relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to the society itself.” The House determined in 1988 that high crimes and misdemeanors are not necessarily criminal acts but rather “misconduct that damages the state and the operation of government institutions.”

Last month, a whistle blower alleged that the President had used the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 election by withholding congressionally approved security assistance for Ukraine to coerce them to investigate a political opponent. If true, these allegations are impeachable offenses that threaten the very core of our system of government.

What we have learned since our inquiry began on September 24th is deeply troubling. Numerous government officials, both political appointees and career diplomats, have testified under oath how the President’s personal lawyer ran a shadow foreign policy to benefit the President’s reelection at the expense of legitimate foreign policy objectives.

With today’s resolution, the House will move into the public phase of the inquiry. The Resolution ensures a fair and transparent process that allows the Majority and the Minority equal time to question witnesses and permits the President’s attorneys to present their case, question witnesses, and make requests for additional evidence or testimony. These protections are the same or greater than the ones provided to Presidents Nixon and Clinton during the inquiries into their behavior.

I don’t take today’s vote lightly because I served in Congress during the impeachment of President Clinton. I know firsthand how divisive impeachment can be. However, our democracy cannot function under these circumstances, and my oath to defend the Constitution calls me to support this inquiry.

When Benjamin Franklin was asked whether the newly drafted Constitution established a monarchy or a republic, he replied “a Republic, if you can keep it.” Each generation of Americans is called to uphold the principles of self-governance, and when those we elect to public office violate our laws and our Constitution, faith in our democracy erodes.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this resolution so the American people can hear firsthand how the President abused the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 election. My oath of office is to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and I will continue to do everything I can to live up to this sacred pledge and keep the republic the Founding Fathers built for us.