

HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE
USS PITTSBURGH (SSN-720)

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legacy, veterans, and service members of the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720), a fast-attack Los Angeles Class Submarine. Next month, the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) will be decommissioned in Bremerton, Washington after 35 years of service in the United States Navy.

The USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) was laid down in April 1983 and commissioned in November 1985. In April 1991, the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) and USS *Louisville* (SSN-724) launched Tomahawk missiles against Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

Years later, in 2002, the ship departed for the Mediterranean Sea and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Retired Captain Mark Breor, then Commander of Submarine Squadron 2, stated of the submarine and crew, "USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) provided persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to the joint commanders. The products of these very successful and difficult missions were converted into a full array of sea-strike options, which included a 16 Tomahawk strike by USS *Pittsburgh*."

In November 2017, USS *Pittsburgh* completed its 1,000th dive, a milestone few submarines reach in service. Earlier this year, the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) returned to its homeport, Naval Submarine Base New London, after its final deployment.

The USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) is the fourth ship to bear the name of a great city that helped build America. Pittsburgh leads the nation in health care, technology innovation, and energy industries and dominates athletics with numerous professional championships. I am proud to represent southwestern Pennsylvania in Congress, and I am thankful for the service of these great sailors aboard the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720).

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of two articles of impeachment—one regarding abuse of power and one regarding obstruction of Congress—against President Trump.

I decided to support the President's impeachment after a judicious consideration of the facts established by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) and the House Committee on the Judiciary, as well as reflecting upon my constitutional responsibilities as a Member of Congress.

I would note that the constitutional remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors—such as

abuse of power—is impeachment. Regrettably, the President's severe misconduct with respect to Ukraine showed a complete disregard for our Constitution, our democratic system of government, and the security of our nation and our allies. The President left the House with little choice but to faithfully discharge its duty.

As the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, I believe that it is unconscionable that an American leader would use nearly \$400 million in military aid appropriated by Congress—and signed into law by the President himself—as leverage for personal gain.

There are fundamental reasons why U.S. law provided these desperately needed funds to Ukraine. I would emphasize that, in 2014, Russia invaded Ukraine and illegally annexed the Ukrainian territory of Crimea while Russian-backed separatist forces seized control of key cities in eastern Ukraine. The fighting in eastern Ukraine continues to this day and has killed more than 13,000 Ukrainians while forcibly displacing more than two million individuals.

Additionally, the impeachment reports issued by the HPSCI and the House Committee on the Judiciary present an irrefutable case that the President's behavior constituted an ongoing threat to a free and fair Presidential election in 2020.

Further, I believe that the President's refusal to comply with the impeachment inquiry is representative of his broader contempt for Congress and its constitutional role as a separate and coequal branch of government. Congress must continue to work diligently to protect and fully exert its complete range of constitutional prerogatives and maintain the balance of power that has existed for 231 years.

Finally, I would highlight that the administration's complete repudiation of constitutionally-prescribed legislative authorities stands in stark contrast to the courage and patriotism demonstrated by the whistleblower who filed a formal complaint with the Intelligence Community's Inspector General, as well as the public servants who testified before the House. These individuals deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

As the Senate moves forward with a trial to determine whether to convict the President of impeachable offenses, be assured that I will continue to work hard to address the pressing needs of our nation's citizens, from creating more opportunities for good-paying jobs to decreasing the cost of prescription drugs.

CONGRATULATING THE 2019
BISHOP GUILFOYLE FOOTBALL
TEAM

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the 2019 Bishop Guilfoyle Football Team on an outstanding season.

After a successful playoff bid, the team traveled to Hershey to compete in 2019 1 A State Championship game. Finishing the year with a 12-3 record, these student athletes should take pride in their hard-fought season.

The 2019 team includes Andrew Yanoshak, Konner Kiesewetter, Keegan Myrick, Dylan Conrad, Noah Ritchey, Dominic Yanoshak, Adam Chadbourne, Casey Smith, Deven Wyandt, Michael Lamb, Branden Wasser, Ryan Donoughe, Cooper Rother, Karson Kiesewetter, Anthony Cioffari, Vincent Cioffari, AJ Kilmartin, Ryan Negola, JT Johnston, Adrian Johnson, Collin Campbell, Sam Homan, Drew Abraham, Lucas Steinbugl, Patrick Reilly, Zach McCloskey, Dylan McNelly, Jorden McClure, Anthony Edwards, Ian Bennett, Connor Ebersole, Connor Stayer, Sante Bambocci, Cameron Maloney, Joe Meintel, Evan Himes, Colin Butler, Brendan Shaffer, Aidan Bender, Tyler Conigy, Jack Donoughe, Caleb Stevens, Brady Bithell, Reed Edwards, and Hayden Fox.

These students were coached by Justin Wheeler, Darren Elvey, Evan Imgrund, Patrick Irwin, Patrick Leamer, Joseph Thomas, and Gabe Walters.

The 2019 team joins a long legacy of Bishop Guilfoyle Football excellence. During the past six seasons, the Marauders have reached the State Championship game four times.

As a former captain of the Bishop Guilfoyle Football Team and a proud alumnus, I congratulate these students and their coaches on a successful season, and I wish them every continued success both on and off the field.

RECOGNIZING CHYANNE THOMAS
AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, this Holiday season, I am proud to recognize Chyanne Thomas, a postal worker from Vista, as my Constituent of the Month. Chyanne is a hero for two children, their families, and our entire community. Chyanne's vigilance while on her regular delivery route resulted in the identification of two children who had been reported missing. Her quick and caring response allowed these two local children to be safely reunited with their concerned families.

When Chyanne spotted Abby, a 15-year-old with autism, she sprang into action. She used the skills she had learned in a previous job working with children with disabilities to keep Abby calm and safe until police arrived. Two weeks later, Chyanne saw a missing 4-year-old girl alone during her route, and didn't hesitate to approach her and make sure she was okay until police and her parents arrived. Without Chyanne's awareness, compassion, and quick action, these two kids might still be missing.

While Chyanne's action to save those children is extraordinary, I also want to recognize the incredible pressure all postal workers and delivery drivers are under during the Holiday season. They endure exhausting hours, grueling weather, and much more to ensure that families have their gifts before the Holidays. Much of their work is taken for granted on a daily basis, but the Holidays would not be the same without their dedication, I am extremely grateful for their service.

I launched a Constituent of the Month to recognize individuals in the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to help their neighbors and support our community. I know

the families of those two missing children, as well as all families who are receiving Holiday packages, would agree that Chyanne is well-deserving of this recognition.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
DANIEL F. SCIURY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Daniel F. Sciury, 81, who passed away on Friday, December 13, 2019.

Daniel was the face of the labor movement in Stark County, having been president of the Hall of Fame Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, since 1984.

Mr. Sciury was born in 1938 to William and Stella Sciury. His father, William, arrived in the United States from Italy in 1910 as a teenager, and worked for 40 years as a roller grinder for Timken Roller Bearing Co. Daniel followed his father's legacy and held union leadership for more than 50 years.

Daniel was elected president of United Steelworkers Local 5260, representing workers at the now-closed Weber Dental Mfg., in 1967. He was a member of the American Federation of Musicians Local 111 and the Communication Workers of America and helped the Canton Ex-Newsboys Association charity raise money to buy needy children winter coats and clothing. In addition to fighting for the rights of workers, he also bravely served his country in Korea.

Mr. Sciury is survived by his children Daniel (Tracy) Sciury, Melissa (Scott) Baker, Krystina Sciury, four grandchildren; Frank and Vinny Sciury, Vivian and Margo Baker, sisters Isabel "Jeanne" Johnson, Rita (John) Prose, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Daniel was a strong voice in advocating for the rights of working people and I was very proud to have stood by his side. Daniel's leadership was respected by both Republicans and Democrats and his reputation went well beyond Stark County. Daniel's voice will certainly be missed. My deepest condolences go out to all whose lives were touched by Daniel.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH SEASON OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my fellow Representatives TROY BALDERSON (OH-12), CHERI BUSTOS (IL-17), DANNY DAVIS (IL-07), RODNEY DAVIS (IL-13), ANTHONY GONZALEZ (OH-16), BRIAN HIGGINS (NY-26), DAVID P. JOYCE (OH-14), MARCY KAPTUR (OH-09), ROBIN KELLY (IL-02), JOSEPH MORELLE (NY-25), GREG PENCE (IN-06), MIKE QUIGLEY (IL-05), BOBBY RUSH (IL-01), TIM RYAN (OH-13), STEVE STIVERS (OH-15), and MICHAEL R. TURNER (OH-10) to commemorate the 100th season of the National Football League. Our Congressional Districts include the 13 "Original Towns" from which

came the 14 charter teams that formed the American Professional Football Association, which would become the NFL.

During its inaugural 1920 season, the founding teams that competed in the new league included: the Akron Pros; Buffalo All-Americans; Canton Bulldogs; Decatur Staleys; Racine Cardinals; Chicago Tigers; Cleveland Tigers; Columbus Panhandles; Dayton Triangles; Hammond Pros; the Heralds (Detroit); Muncie Flyers; Rock Island Independents; and the Jeffersons (Rochester, N.Y.). Two years later, the new league was renamed the National Football League.

From its humble beginnings, the National Football League is now a preeminent sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states across the country. In the span of a century, the league has become intricately woven into the fabric of American life and the foremost steward of what is now known as "America's Game." The league's annual "Super Bowl" Championship is the single most-watched annual television event in the United States, bringing together individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds through a common enthusiasm for and appreciation of the game of football.

The two pillars of the NFL are football and community, which are demonstrated through the volunteerism and philanthropic efforts of players, owners, coaches and staff, including through programs and initiatives ranging from honoring our nation's veterans and servicemembers to promoting cancer awareness to encouraging youth to maintain active and healthy lifestyles. These efforts, both on and off the field, reflect the character, commitment, fortitude and teamwork that make our communities resilient and strong.

We, therefore, recognize the National Football League as a great sports league of the United States and congratulate the NFL for 100 seasons of uniting communities across the country, and look forward to another century of NFL football.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM E.
BOGAN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. William E. Bogan, who recently passed away at the young age of 74.

Mr. Bogan, known as Earle to friends, was born in Memphis, Tennessee in 1944 before moving to Higginson, Arkansas in 1993.

He quickly joined the Higginson Fire Department and served for nearly 20 years until his retirement in 2011.

Bogan served as Higginson Fire Chief and a City Council Member for numerous years.

Higginson's Community Building is being renamed the William E. Bogan Community Center by the Higginson City Council in honor of Mr. Bogan's service and leadership in the community.

His contributions to his community will not be forgotten. I extend my respect, affection and prayers to his wife Catherine, family, and friends.

HONORING MALCOLM W.
APPLEGATE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Malcolm W. Applegate, a titan of journalism in our nation. From the outset of his career on the sports beat at the Salina Journal in Salina, Kansas, to the end of his career as the President and General Manager of Indianapolis Newspapers Inc., and Publisher of the Indianapolis Star, Malcolm was considered by his peers to be the consummate "old school" journalist. Ever the prolific writer, Malcolm dedicated himself to delivering honest, informative and timely news to his readers at each stop along his storied career.

Malcolm was born on January 26, 1936 in Kansas City, Missouri, to parents Florence and Paul Applegate. Growing up in Wakeeney, Kansas, Malcolm attended Trego Community High School, spending many hours after school on the basketball and tennis courts, forging lifelong friendships, and sparking a love of sports. After the tragic death of his father Paul in 1954, Malcolm and his mother Florence relocated to Topeka, Kansas, to start life anew. Wanting to stay close to home Malcolm initially chose to attend Washburn University, to study journalism and compete as a member of both the basketball and tennis teams. Later transferring to Kansas University, Malcolm continued his study of journalism while serving as the Editor of the Daily Kansan. It was also during this time that Malcolm competed as a member of the Kansas men's varsity tennis team and joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Near the end of his time at Kansas University, Malcolm would reconnect with grade school friend Constance Eaton, a student at nearby Fort Hays State University. Their friendship would quickly blossom into a lifelong love affair. After they both graduated from their respective universities, they began their life together, getting married on July 12, 1959.

After earning a Master's Degree from the University of Iowa in 1961, Malcolm joined the faculty at Fort Hays State University. He later returned to Kansas University, this time as the Assistant Dean of the Journalism School. In 1969, Malcolm was offered the chance to join the well-respected Gannett Newspaper Company. He relocated to Rochester, New York with Connie, and their daughters, my very dear friends Kellie and Paula. Malcolm then began to rise up the ranks of Gannett which led to a number of opportunities.

In 1971, Malcolm became the Editor of the Ithaca Journal in Ithaca, New York. Later in 1975, he relocated to Lafayette, Indiana to become the Publisher of the Lafayette Journal & Courier, and the Regional Vice President of USA Today. Malcolm's next opportunity came with a move to Lansing, Michigan in 1986, where he would serve as both the Publisher of the Lansing State Journal and Vice President of USA Today.

In 1990, Malcolm and his family arrived at their final stop in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Malcolm served as the President and General Manager of Indianapolis Newspapers Inc., and as Publisher of the Indianapolis Star until his