

as a volunteer member of the Community Medical Center Board of Trustees for 25 years, Chairman of the Board for Clara Mass Medical Center, member of the Board of Trustees of Kimball Medical Center and St. Barnabas Behavior Health Center. In 1998, Mayor Kelaher was named Hospital Trustee of the Year by the New Jersey Hospital Association. Mayor Kelaher was sworn in as Mayor of Toms River on January 1, 2008, and was re-elected again in 2012 and 2015.

Over the course of his career, Mayor Kelaher has served Toms River, Ocean County, and New Jersey dutifully, and has made strides to improve the lives of his neighbors. Mayor Kelaher's will be hard shoes to fill.

I thank Mayor Kelaher for all he has done for our community in Ocean County. I hope that he will enjoy spending more time with his wife, Carol, and their eight grandchildren, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

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

SPEECH OF

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

The Central Valley sent me to Washington to tackle our toughest issues, like skyrocketing drug prices, polluted water in rural communities, and the struggling farm economy. That's why we just passed a bill to bring down prescription drug prices, I introduced two key bills to address our Valley water needs, and I got the president to sign my Family Farmer Relief Act.

They also sent me to Washington to defend the Constitution, because that's what protects all of our rights and freedoms.

Here are the facts: Our president abused his power and used your taxpayer money to advance his own personal interest, and when Congress fulfilled its duty to investigate, the president acted as if he were above the law, obstructing the investigation by withholding witnesses and subpoenaed documents.

Both of those actions violate our sacred Constitution, which only identifies one remedy for Congress to hold the president accountable. In obeying that solemn duty to my constituents and the Constitution, it is my responsibility to cast votes in favor of both articles of impeachment, for abuse of power and for obstruction of Congress.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. JODY B. HICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the Democrats' new definition for evidence is alle-

gations. Allegations based on hearsay, I might add. They hurl allegations against the President and then say to him it's not their responsibility to prove guilty but it's the President's responsibility to prove his innocence. This has been a sham and an act of injustice against the President and against 63 million Americans who voted for him. Although this process was rigged from the beginning, Democrats never produced a single true piece of evidence. It's time for us to stop this hoax and vote against these articles of impeachment.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD two episodes of *Pardon Me—Another Damn Impeachment Show?*, a radio show hosted by Colin McEnroe of WNPR. I found these programs to be extremely enlightening and informative. I believe they should help Americans be better informed on this issue.

PARDON ME—ANOTHER DAMN IMPEACHMENT SHOW?: “A HEARTBREAKING WORK OF STAGGERING IMPEACHMENT WITH DAVE EGGRERS AND MORE” & “ADAM GOPNIK: STOP SAYING IMPEACHMENT IS POLITICAL”

(Connecticut Public Radio)

A HEARTBREAKING WORK OF STAGGERING IMPEACHMENT WITH DAVE EGGRERS AND MORE

Colin McEnroe: When we first started to think about doing a podcast called, “Pardon Me (Another Damn Impeachment Show?)”, one of the things we agreed that we would do is not just talk to political pundits and law school professors and people like that, but explore how the culture responds to something as engulfing as an impeachment process, and then we had a chance to talk to Dave Eggers. Dave Eggers is, of course, the legendary writer and creator and editor and lots of other things and kind of an activist and also a guy who, as a journalist, and you'll hear a little bit about this, traveled around during the 2016 campaign going to a lot of Donald Trump rallies trying to understand and empathize with the people who were excited by the prospect of a President Donald Trump. . . .

Please visit this link to listen to the whole episode: <https://www.wnpr.org/post/dave-eggers-full-uncut-interview>.

ADAM GOPNIK: STOP SAYING IMPEACHMENT IS POLITICAL

Colin McEnroe: Hi. You're listening to kind of a little extra we're doing for you. Adam Gopnik, from *The New Yorker*. See, I'll get in trouble if I say this, but he might be the smartest person I know. I mean, there's probably a lot of other people who think they're the smartest person that I know, but you know it might be Gopnik. I mean you can't sneak anything by him, he's really that smart. And when we first started thinking about doing a very special series of shows about the impeachment process, he was one of the first people who popped into my head because Adam's already always doing what we like to do, which is thinking about politics and governance but melding it

with his very keen understanding of history and his sense of how culture works.

I mean there was no way we weren't going to do a conversation with him. So we got him. He's also now, you know a guy he's got a pull playwriting thing going on so I think he was like running back from a rehearsal or something like that to the NPR studios in New York to talk to us. So if he sounds a little out of breath, that's why. But he's never out of ideas. So let's go. Adam Gopnik. We're so excited as part of the show to have someone who has joined our regular show many times.

Please visit this link to listen to the whole episode: <https://www.wnpr.org/post/adam-gopnik-stop-saying-impeachment-political>.

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RECOGNIZING THE 2019 STARS OVER DULLES AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce for its ongoing dedication to local businesses and our community and to congratulate the 2019 “Stars Over Dulles” Award recipients.

This year, at the 24th Annual Stars Over Dulles Awards Luncheon, the Chamber will honor those extraordinary businesses, non-profit organizations, and citizens who have dedicated their talents and activities to enhancing our economy and our community.

As the former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and now as a Member of Congress representing this community, I have been proud to partner with the Chamber on many issues that impact the lives of our residents such as the Silver Line and in celebrating the service that so many individuals and businesses provide to our community.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2019 Stars Over Dulles Award:

Arts Community Leader: Kathleen Jacoby, Herndon High School Band Director.

Distinguished Veteran: Paul Patton, CACI.

Financial Leader: Burke & Herbert Bank.

First Responder: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department.

Health & Wellness Leader: Fitness Aspects. Hospitality & Tourism Leader: Sean Hunt, Mustang Sally Brewing Company.

Minority Owned Business Leader: Remedy Intelligent Staffing.

Non-Profit Leader: MaryEllen Walsh, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries.

Real Estate & Development Leader: Dennis Sharland.

Small Business Leader: StudioOne Screen Printing and Embroidery.

Technology Leader: Cox Communications.

Transportation Leader: Georgia Graves, Bridgman Communications.

Workforce & Education Leader: Children's Science Center.

Young Professional: Merideth Pless, American Executive Transportation

Chair's Choice Award: Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association

Eileen D. Curtis Lifetime Achievement Award: Doug Downer, President, HRI Associates

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2019 Stars Over Dulles Award recipients and in thanking these businesses and individuals for their many contributions to our region's economic success and quality of life. Their efforts are among the many reasons why Northern Virginia remains one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. I congratulate the honorees on receiving these awards and wish them continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF BIBA CAGGIANO

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of beloved Sacramento chef and my dear friend Biba Caggiano. The legacy that Biba leaves in Sacramento will be forever felt through her restaurant and her acclaimed Italian cook books. Biba not only invigorated Sacramento's food culture but was also a symbol for hospitality and hard-work. As her husband, Vincent, and their children Carla and Paola, gather to remember her life and legacy, I ask my colleagues to stand with me in her memory.

Biba Caggiano was born in October of 1936 in Bologna, Italy. In 1960, Biba moved to New York and found work with an Italian bank. Soon after, Biba moved to Sacramento, where she made homemade Italian dishes, a rare cuisine in the region at the time. Her love for traditional Italian cuisine was popular in Sacramento, and she soon found herself cooking and teaching others. In 1986, she opened the now iconic midtown restaurant Biba, beginning the movement that revolutionized Sacramento cuisine. She continued to grow as a successful chef, cookbook author, TV personality, and restaurateur.

Since Biba has graced our region with her inspiring dishes, Sacramento has become an important place for food. She opened a path for more chefs to pursue their own culinary careers in Sacramento. It cannot be overstated the influence she has had on our city. Over her career, Biba has received the Robert Mondavi Culinary Award of Excellence, Northern California Chef of the Year, and the Sacramento Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Award.

Madam Speaker, today we honor the incredible life of Biba Caggiano; a wife, mother, friend, teacher, and most importantly, a true Sacramento treasure. Biba will be fondly remembered by all in our community for her creative spirit and her kind hospitality. I will remember her for her spirit, talent, and courage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed several votes on December 17th due to inclement weather and a flight delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 683; NAY on Roll Call No. 684; YEA on Roll Call No. 685; YEA on Roll Call No. 686 and YEA on Roll Call No. 687.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 671.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, as a result of an ongoing need to address health issues related to my Parkinson's diagnosis, and other recent health concerns, I was absent from votes yesterday, Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on House roll call votes 695 and 696, the two articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump.

President Trump's actions with regard to Ukraine have undermined our national security, our democratic processes, and our Constitution. He has abused his office and betrayed the trust that the American people placed in him. Impeachment is the only recourse to hold this president accountable for his actions.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH SEASON OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th season of the National Football League. Chicago is home to the 1986 Superbowl XX Champion Chicago Bears and the 7th Congressional District is one of 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 service members 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.

I 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 THE WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and to congratulate the recipients of the 22nd Annual Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is an award-winning, public-private coalition formed to fight drunk driving, drugged driving, and underage drinking in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. Through educational and innovative public outreach programs, WRAP is credited with keeping local alcohol-related death rates consistently below the national average. Its programs educate students and the general public on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, particularly driving while under the influence. Through the WRAP Holiday SoberRide program, individuals who are impaired can request a free cab ride home. Since SoberRide was launched in 1991, 78,926 free cab rides have been provided in the Washington Metropolitan area, preventing potential accidents and deaths.

Since 1997, WRAP has sponsored an annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony to honor local law enforcement professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the fight against drunk driving. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2019 Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention recipients:

Officer Patrick Cushing—City of Alexandria Police Department.

Corporal Bret Kooharian—Arlington County Police Department.