

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, to be clear, my introduction of this resolution of disapproval should in no way be interpreted as an indication that the President's declaration of an emergency, or his invocation of specific statutory powers pursuant to that declaration, is even lawful in the first place.

The Constitution provides Congress with the power of the purse and expressly prohibits the President from spending funds that Congress has not appropriated. Here, Congress has not authorized or appropriated funding to build a wall on the southern border. Indeed, Congress has repeatedly chosen not to do so in response to the President's multiple requests for such funding since becoming President.

While my resolution disapproves and terminates the President's emergency declaration, the record should be clear that I do not believe the President's declaration, or his invocation of specific statutory powers pursuant to that declaration, was lawful to begin with.

HONORING PASTOR PIERCE'S SIXTH ANNIVERSARY AT MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENSBORO

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. WALKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop Bryan J. Pierce's sixth anniversary as the Senior Pastor and Chief Executive Officer of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro. Beginning to preach at the age of six and ordained by nineteen, Bishop Pierce is a man after God's own heart. It was in June of 2011 that Bishop Pierce became the Chief Administrative Officer at Mount Zion and worked diligently until his elevation to Senior Pastor on January 1, 2013. He strongly believes that he who serves the city, wins the city, which is expressed through a Church-wide campaign called No Greater Love, where members of Mount Zion come together to serve the Greensboro community. Also serving as 1st Assistant to 2nd Presiding Bishop, Bishop Pierce is a noted songwriter, arranger and producer. He successfully released his first solo debut album, which reached No. 3 on Billboard's Top Gospel Albums Chart by capturing an amazing sound that has facilitated openings for the Glory of God to be mani-

fest in the lives of His people. With 20 years of Senior Pastoral Leadership, we honor another anniversary of service and the faithful future he is sure to bring our community.

HONORING THE WORK OF ARMAND DERFNER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the important contributions of Armand Derfner to the advancement of civil rights in the United States.

In 1940, on his second birthday, Armand Derfner and his Jewish parents fled Nazi Germany to America. Derfner graduated from Princeton University in 1960. He would go on to receive Princeton's Koren Prize in History and a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship directly following his graduation. Derfner attended Yale Law School, where he was the Note & Comment Editor of the Yale Law Journal and was Order of the Coif.

Following his graduation from Yale Law School, Derfner clerked for Chief Judge David L. Bazelon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Derfner then became an associate at Covington & Burling.

After practicing law in the District of Columbia, Derfner moved to Jim Crow Mississippi to practice as a civil rights lawyer. His passion for social and political justice led to his being stalked. His dog was even poisoned, and he and his wife were shot at multiple times.

While in Mississippi, Derfner acted as a civil rights attorney for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. In 1968, Derfner represented voters in Greenwood, Mississippi, on the first day that the Voting Rights Act became effective. At just 29 years old, Derfner argued and won his first Supreme Court case. From the 1960s through the 1990s, Derfner played a vital role in civil rights cases, taking many of them to the Supreme Court. Derfner argued before the Supreme Court five times and won every case. These Supreme Court arguments helped shape the Voting Rights Act and its amendments.

Derfner also contributed to the passage of the Civil Rights Attorneys Fees Awards Act in 1976 and the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980. It was Derfner's work that led to the freeing of the Charleston Five, a protest group that was falsely accused of inciting violence. In the 1980s, while still attached to civil rights work in Mississippi, Derfner worked closely on civil rights issues with Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy and simultaneously taught at American University.

In 2002, Derfner was awarded the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. In 2009, the American

Bar Association named Derfner's firm, Derfner & Altman, Public Interest Lawyers of the Year. He is an honorary lifetime trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Derfner has just been named the recipient of the 2019 Commitment to Justice Award from the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Armand Derfner for his dedication to civil rights and for his significant contributions to recognizing equal justice under the law.

HONORING MR. BRIAN HURLEY FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Brian Hurley of Reavis High School for being selected as a finalist for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Through his devotion to his students, Mr. Hurley prepares and empowers them for a better future—a mission deserving of this prestigious recognition.

The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching was created in 1985 by Martin and Patricia Koldyke. The Koldykes felt that teachers were not receiving adequate recognition for the work they do in their classrooms and their communities. This year, 32 finalists from across the State of Illinois were selected from a record-setting number of over 550 high school teacher nominations across 71 counties. The Golden Apple Foundation's mission is to develop and support aspiring teachers to be successful in schools-of-need in Illinois.

Mr. Hurley works hard to interact with students in and out of the classroom. As a teacher of science, he strives to engage with his students through creative research prompts, out-of-the-box thinking, and projects the students find engaging. He states that his strategy is based on constructivist theory, a concept where students build their own interpretation of the world through individualized learning experiences and hands on work. To do so, he employs his own diverse professional background to teach physics, drawing from his numerous real-life scenarios to explain the complex topics.

As a finalist, Mr. Hurley is being recognized for his energy, enthusiasm, and mastery of the classroom. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Brian Hurley. He is well deserving of this praise and I am proud to represent such a talented educator.

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REMEMBERING REV. MARY
CLIMONS LACEY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Rev. Mary Climons Lacey, a pillar of our community who passed away this month at the age of 80.

Rev. Lacey made an indelible mark on our communities by tirelessly serving those at the margins. Across Lake County, children in need, the homeless, and inmates and their families directly benefited from her generosity and boundless energy.

Mary broke multiple barriers throughout her life. She was born to humble beginnings, as one of ten children in rural Mississippi. At age 21 she moved to Florida to further her education, where she met her late husband William, and eventually settled in his hometown of Waukegan. She found work as a contractor at Naval Station Great Lakes as well as handmaking elegant hats.

Never one to rest, she continued to study and was ordained a pastor, became a foster parent, and earned a certificate in social work.

In Waukegan, her memory lives on as the namesake of Mary's Mission, a homeless shelter she founded that has provided shelter to hundreds of individuals in times of need, and has helped them develop the job training and skills they need to get back on their feet and live independently.

Mary was also a fierce advocate for children, bringing joy to young residents during the holidays. Mary teamed up with the Waukegan police department to start a toy giveaway program for children who might not receive a gift during the holidays. I had the privilege to join several of her annual Christmas parades from Mary's Mission to the Lake County jail, where she handed out turkeys and toys.

Her perseverance in helping vulnerable people, touched and improved the lives of countless Illinoisans. She truly lived her faith every day, and she will be sorely missed. I extend my heartfelt condolences to her many family and friends who are mourning her passing.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.J.
RES. 31, FURTHER CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPART-
MENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,
2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for this government spending bill negotiated by the bipartisan Conference Committee. Although the bill is not what I would have drafted, and I recognize that we still have much work to do in the area of humane immigration reform, we simply cannot have another painful, costly, and unnecessary shutdown. The members of our Coast Guard, TSA, and other federal agencies are still recovering from the most recent shutdown.

They deserve certainty, and they need to know that they can continue working and that they will be paid on time. The President must also act responsibly and fulfill his duty to federal workers and those who rely on government services by signing this legislation.

This bill includes many victories I am proud to support; it delivers a pay raise to federal workers to keep pace with the cost of living, invests in the Census to provide a fair and accurate count for underrepresented communities, and dedicates \$17 billion in new infrastructure funding to improve our roads, bridges, and mass transit. The legislation increases investments in small business initiatives for minority and women-owned businesses, which will create jobs. The bill also rejects the Trump Administration's attacks on the environment by denying deep cuts to programs that protect clean water, clean air, and public lands.

As with any compromise, I have serious reservations about some of the provisions in this bill—particularly regarding immigration enforcement. I appreciate that our conferees were able to prevent the wasteful inclusion of any increased funding for an ineffective border wall and include humanitarian assistance funding for migrants, but the House must continue to push for smarter, more compassionate use of resources for border security and immigration enforcement. I am concerned that this bill gives the Department of Homeland Security too much leeway to continue the unchecked targeting and detention of immigrants who pose no threat to public safety, rather than focusing enforcement efforts on high-priority criminals.

I continue to support having the appropriate personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources to address crime and trafficking on our borders, but immigration enforcement should not be militarized and operate with impunity. We can treat individuals in a humane and just manner and still prevent crime, reduce trafficking, and keep our country safe. People fleeing violence in their home countries and seeking asylum in the United States need to be protected, not threatened with more persecution. We must enact commonsense changes to improve accountability and protect the fundamental rights of immigrants—especially those legally seeking asylum. I will keep pushing for rigorous oversight of ICE and reforms to our immigration enforcement system.

This legislation is the product of good-faith negotiations between bipartisan leaders in the House and Senate. I am hopeful that this result demonstrates the futility of chaotic brinkmanship, and I hope that we can learn from this experience to resolve differences through dialogue and trust in the legislative process.

HONORING MS. ANNE M. BRENNAN

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Anne M. Brennan for her 32 years of outstanding Federal service as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

Since she began her distinguished career with DON OGC in 1986, Ms. Brennan has held several attorney positions. Notably, she became a member of the Senior Executive Service in April 2004. In January 2008, she was selected to serve as the Deputy General Counsel, and in August 2009, she was designated Principal Deputy General Counsel. During her tenure in these latter positions as the DON's most senior career attorney, she twice served as the Acting General Counsel of the Navy—a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position—from May 2009 to March 2010, and from January 2017 to February 2019.

From advising the Secretary of the Navy in the wake of the Washington Navy Yard shootings to serving as a linchpin of efforts between senior DON leadership, numerous DON stakeholders, the Department of Justice, and a United States Attorney's Office on an extremely high-profile criminal fraud case, Ms. Brennan has distinguished herself as an extraordinary attorney, who has consistently exceeded expectations by working tirelessly to provide proactive, accurate, and innovative legal advice on legally complex, politically sensitive issues implicating business, procurement, fiscal, labor, ethics, environmental, and intelligence law. Additionally, she has demonstrated an unmatched record of leadership while overseeing and coordinating the provision of legal advice by more than 750 civilian and military attorneys within DON OGC, ensuring the successful execution of the Navy and Marine Corps missions worldwide.

Throughout her illustrious career, Ms. Brennan has received various awards for her outstanding contributions to the DON, the Department of Defense (DoD), and the Nation. These include the DON Meritorious, Superior, and Distinguished Civilian Service Awards, the DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Presidential Rank Awards of Meritorious and Distinguished Executive, the William R. Molzahn Leadership Award, and other performance-related accolades.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Anne M. Brennan as she retires from Federal service.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO RE-
QUIRE THE LIBRARY OF CON-
GRESS TO INSTALL THE D.C.
SEAL IN THE MAIN READING
ROOM OF THE THOMAS JEFFER-
SON BUILDING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to require the Library of Congress to install the District of Columbia seal in the Main Reading Room of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The Library is one of the few buildings in the District that remains open to the public on most holidays. It provides not only D.C. residents but visitors and researchers from across the nation with access to incomparable resources. The bill requires the Library to depict the District's seal on the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room, where the seals of all