

payments made to Trump's accusers. As part of the agreement, Pecker and the Enquirer's chief content officer, Dylan Howard, admitted to paying the women to "influence the election."

According to the company's website, AMI's four-person board of directors consists of Pecker, two Chatham executives and a former chief financial officer of Trump Entertainment Resorts, David R. Hughes.

American Media agreed last month to sell the Enquirer to the chief executive of Hudson News, a chain of airport newsstands, for \$100 million. The sale was prompted by Melchiorre's unhappiness with the Enquirer's actions on Trump's behalf, including the so-called "catch and kill" gambit in which the tabloid bought the two accusers' stories and then published nothing about them, and the Enquirer's exposé an extramarital affair conducted by Amazon billionaire Jeff Bezos, who also owns The Washington Post.

American Media's board and Melchiorre "didn't want to deal with hassles like this anymore," according to an individual familiar with the board's deliberations who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private talks.

That individual said Trump "has been somewhat estranged from Pecker" since the Enquirer executive began talking to federal prosecutors.

HONORING MICHELLE VANCE

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Michelle Vance, who will be leaving as District Manager of the Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District after more than 10 years of service to the community of Tehachapi, California, which I represent.

Michelle earned her Bachelor of Science at California State University, Bakersfield, in Public Policy Administration. After obtaining her degree, Michelle worked as the Executive Director of Main Street Tehachapi, a business advocacy group focused on creating a friendlier environment for Tehachapi's businesses, while recruiting new businesses to open up in the city. She then served as a Field Representative for the 2nd Supervisorial District for the County of Kern, where she acted as a liaison between the people of Tehachapi and the County Board of Supervisors. Her next job, Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Tehachapi, combined her experiences working for the County and the nonprofit world. During her time in Tehachapi, Michelle helped bring new businesses into the region and focused on revitalizing the downtown core, as well as the Greater Tehachapi Area. And most recently as Direct Manager, spearheaded the Tehachapi Gran Fondo, a hundred-mile bike ride through the mountains of Tehachapi, something our community is very proud of.

Michelle always fought for the people of Tehachapi and will be remembered throughout the community as someone who stood up for their economic interests and helped make our community the thriving, robust, and vibrant place it is today. Michelle will be remembered in Tehachapi for her tireless work ethic, her can-do attitude, and her fervent belief in the

community she called home. As Michelle starts a new chapter in her life, I want to thank her for her service on behalf of the 23rd District of California, and wish her well in all future endeavors.

GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB, AND MALARIA

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, as a member of the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, I rise regarding today's full Appropriations Committee action on the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Fiscal Year 2020 funding bill.

This bill provides vital resources and programs supporting American and global interests around the world. As you know, the United States is a leader in global health, and it is important that we remain engaged and not become complacent, especially as life-threatening diseases begin to advance and mutate.

The State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill funds several health-related foreign policies that provide assistance, along with our partners, to eradicate deadly and preventable diseases worldwide.

The Global Fund is one of these critical programs funded in this bill. As one of the world's most effective health organizations, it has delivered real results combatting deadly diseases, saving over 27 million lives since its conception. The Global Fund partnership invests billions of dollars annually to support programs fighting AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria around the world.

Madam Speaker, unfortunately, due to policies unrelated to the Global Fund, I was unable to support this funding bill in its entirety during last week's Committee consideration. However, I would like to express the importance of the United States' participation in this partnership, and the clear signal to the rest of the world that the United States will continue to lead with its commitment to the Global Fund.

I remain committed to working with my colleagues to find an agreement with the Senate and the Administration on the overall Fiscal Year 2020 funding level. Without an agreement, the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations process will continue to have a difficult path towards funding the government.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and both sides of the Capitol to come together and work towards a common goal of getting to an agreement for the overall funding amount for Fiscal Year 2020.

POLICE WEEK/OPERATION SMACK DRAGON

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, our local law enforcement stand in the gap between our families and danger.

Every day, they choose to put the safety of our communities above their own.

This National Law Enforcement Week, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the many police officers in my district and across our country who protect our families.

In Tulsa, just this week, local police caught and arrested 24 individuals in connection to a drug trafficking cartel from Mexico. Operation Smack Dragon made 73 indictments against 29 individuals, seized 3 kilograms of heroin, and \$150,000 in drug money.

Several of the arrested individuals were in the country illegally.

Along with the community of Tulsa, I am so thankful for the officers who put themselves in danger to keep our people safe.

It is perhaps more dangerous to be a police officer today than at any other period in history and congressional inaction on key issues has resulted in increased burdens on the police force.

I stand with our law enforcement officers today and every day.

MASHPÉE WAMPANOAG TRIBE RESERVATION REAFFIRMATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following article from The Washington Examiner regarding consideration of H.R. 312.

[From the Washington Examiner, May 13, 2019]

HOUSE DEMOCRATS RESCHEDULE VOTES ON TRIBAL BILLS PULLED AFTER TRUMP TWEET (By Naomi Lim)

House Democrats have rescheduled votes on two Native American tribal bills this week after they were yanked from the floor at the last minute following pressure from President Trump.

Democratic leadership has set a vote for Wednesday on H.R. 312, legislation co-sponsored by Rep. William Keating, D-Mass., maintaining the status of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe reservation in the Bay State.

A second proposal, H.R. 375, introduced by Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., would reaffirm Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's authority to take land into trust on behalf of Indian tribes. That measure is also due to be considered Wednesday, but under a streamlined process requiring two-thirds support in the House. As such, it needs the backing of House Republicans.

"Both of the bills pulled from the floor of the House, H.R. 375 and H.R. 312, are important to Indian Country," Cole told the Washington Examiner in a statement on Monday. "I support both of the bills and look forward to working with my Republican and Democratic colleagues to pass them on the floor. I believe we will be successful in doing so."

But GOP lawmakers like Western Caucus Chairman Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., have said they will not help the legislation pass the chamber. A spokeswoman for Gosar told the Washington Examiner on Monday her boss, who sits on the House Natural Resources Committee with Cole, was "strongly opposed" to the proposals and would vote against them "in their current form."

"Gosar has been leading the charge against these bills since they were first brought up in Natural Resources Committee. He offered two amendments to both bills in committee—both failed," the spokeswoman said.

H.R. 312 and H.R. 375 were originally scheduled for votes on May 8, but were yanked after Trump tweeted that they would be "unfair" to Native Americans.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe wants to build a \$1 billion casino on its land, but the deal has been delayed by the Interior Department and Rhode Island lawmakers worried the development will undercut profits generated by its own casino industry.

The opposition has resulted in the Massachusetts congressional delegation, including Democratic 2020 presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, to push for the measure so the tribe can have full control of the reservation. Matt Schlapp, American Conservative Union chairman and husband of White House communications director Mercedes Schlapp, additionally runs a firm that lobbied against the casino.

"Republicans shouldn't vote for H.R. 312, a special interest casino Bill, backed by Elizabeth (Pocahontas) Warren," Trump tweeted last Wednesday. "It is unfair and doesn't treat Native Americans equally!"

Schlapp did not immediately respond to request for comment.

HONORING THE 2019 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY-BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to come before my colleagues today to recognize those young men and women from Texas' Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies.

The United States Services Academies have a long-standing tradition of offering its students the highest caliber education and officer military training in the world. Each of the individuals recognized today began their journey of service by applying through their Member of Congress or qualified source via a highly competitive process. However, only a select few are found to meet the necessary standards set forth by the Academies.

These outstanding students have proven they are the gold standard by demonstrating their excellence in academics, athletics, and commitment to their community both inside and outside of the classroom. I am confident these young men and women will achieve great success while further developing the qualities of leadership, honor, and self-sacrifice as they prepare to lead our Nation's Armed Forces.

As one who has worn the uniform, I thank these young patriots for their courage and commitment to our Nation. It is my privilege to congratulate these leaders as they embark on a new mission of service to America.

CLASS OF 2023 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. Air Force Academy: Hayden Archer, Frisco Liberty High School; Allie Dyer, Plano East Senior High School; Andrew Perkany, Plano Senior High School*; Aidan Gardiner, Wylie High School; Marcus Hill, U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School;

Madison Martin, Texas Connections Academy; Jordan Simmons, Greenhill School*; Conley Walters, U.S. Air Force Academy; Jace Waters, Allen High School.

U.S. Naval Academy: Joseph Carter, Plano East High School; Alexander Kramer, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School; Morgan Krepp, Mercersburg Academy; Aidan Waits, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School; Jaylen Walker, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School.

U.S. Military Academy: Jonah Barton, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Melic Belong, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Elijah Boyd, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Logan Brown, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Caleb Doyle, McKinney Christian Academy; Eric Han, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Makenna Keltz, McKinney Boyd High School; Samuel Kim, Frisco High School; Jalen Morgan, Plano West Senior High School; Christopher Sowinski, Allen High School; Parker Stevens, Allen High School; Austin Widner, Liberty High School.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mitchell Boone, McKinney Christian Academy; Jonathan Greer, Allen High School; Paul Han, Independence High School.

*Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call vote No. 216 on Friday, May 17, 2019 because I was meeting with 8th grade Hoosiers from the Saint Bartholomew Catholic School in Columbus, Indiana. Since my first day in office, I have been squarely focused on what I was sent here to do: Represent Hoosiers of the 6th District.

As a man of faith, I am wholeheartedly opposed to H.R. 5—a bill that limits our nation's founding principles of freedom of religion, conscience, and speech. We are a nation that allows and embraces diverse thoughts and opinions, but this bill would grant special privileges to individuals at the expense of the freedoms of others. Many women in Indiana's 6th District depend on athletic scholarships to obtain higher education and career aspirations, and this legislation would unfairly force female athletes to compete against biological males.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on the Republican Motion to Recommit, RC No. 216. This Motion to Recommit would have amended H.R. 5 to ensure that nothing in the bill may be construed to diminish any protections under Title IX, therefore safeguarding the integrity of female sports.

RECOGNIZING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Building Safety Month and the men and women of the International Code Council (ICC) for their dedication to public safety and our communities.

Year round, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry work to ensure the safe construction of buildings. They are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a national standards developing organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials to develop voluntary consensus codes that protect Americans in the buildings where we live, work, and play. The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities and counties, and in all 50 states, including the State of Maryland.

With natural disasters expected to increase in frequency and severity, building codes include important safeguards to protect the public from hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, fires, floods, and earthquakes. In January 2019, the congressionally-established National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) released a study finding that adopting modern model building codes saves \$11 for every \$1 invested through earthquake, flood, and wind mitigation benefits, with a \$4 to \$1 wildfire mitigation benefit. These benefits represent avoided casualties, property damage, business interruptions, and insurance costs, and are enjoyed by all stakeholders—from developers, titleholders, and lenders, to tenants and communities.

This month is Building Safety Month, during which we should recognize the critical role our communities' code officials in assuring us safe, efficient, and livable buildings. Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking International Code Council Board President, and my constituent from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, William R. Bryant, as well as ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, the International Code Council leadership, and ICC's Members and staff as they recognize Building Safety Month.

HONORING HANNAH KARANICK—ONE OF THE TOP 10 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hannah Karanick, 13, of Anaheim, California, who was named one of America's top 10 youth volunteers of 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards during the program's 24th annual national award ceremony on May 9 in Washington, D.C.

Selected from a field of more than 29,000 youth volunteers from across the country, Hannah has earned the title of National Honoree, along with a personal award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for her school, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit charitable organization of her choice.

An eighth-grader at Orangeview Junior High School, Hannah established a "closet" at her former elementary school that provides new clothing, laundry products, toiletries, quilts and school supplies to students there whose families can't afford to buy such necessities. Her