

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MANISTEE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the city of Manistee upon the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. Through one and a half centuries of community investment and growth, Manistee has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

The first Europeans to settle in what was eventually called Manistee were Jesuit missionaries in the 18th century. By the mid-1800s, the settlement had grown into a successful hub for the fur and lumber trades in the region. While the town was nearly destroyed by the Great Michigan Fire in 1871, the city of Manistee would recover and evolve over the following century and a half into the jewel of Northern Michigan that it is today.

In honor of Manistee's sesquicentennial, the Manistee County Historical Museum is hosting a variety of events and celebrations throughout the year. The festivities kicked off in February with the "Fun with the Founding Fathers" event, where visitors learned about the incorporation of the city of Manistee, the first city council, and the people that made Manistee what it is today. The closing ceremonies for the year-long festivities will be in December, with the "Wintertime in the City" exhibit of photographs showing the winter season in Manistee over the last 150 years.

Madam Speaker, day after day, the city of Manistee continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good. It's my honor to congratulate them for their 150 years of success and community growth. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Manistee all the best as it ventures into the future.

CONGRATULATING THE PROSPER HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the Prosper High School Men's Lacrosse team on bringing home their first state championship title by defeating the Smithson Valley Rangers 11 to 5.

This team proved their ability to stay composed while overcoming obstacles under pressure. Winning is not just about talent, skill, or the type of cleats you wear; winning is about character on and off the field alongside hard work and commitment to one's team.

The Prosper Eagles showed their dedication to these values from the very beginning.

I know I speak on behalf of our entire community when I say, the city of Prosper is beaming with pride.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Prosper High School Men's Lacrosse team on their successful season.

2019 PROSPER MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

Parker Haven
Mikey Nader
Jack Delano
Zane Williams
Luke Teigen
Garrett Elliott
Lee Rowden
Sam Osborne
Tucker Faircloth
Nolan DaRosa
Cabe Parham
Christian Acosta
Connor Hill
Cole Garvin
Broc Tullis
Carson Fearin
Zach Eckstein
Brandon Pierce
Cole Schmitt
Landon Silerio
Bryce Murrin
Tyler Trampas
Michael Vandershuitt
Justin Endicott
Aeden Fenley
Ryan Myers
Hunter Sheffield
Peyton Marshall
Hayden Stout
Will Honeycutt
Nathan Typrin
Cole Spurr
Coach Corey Caputo

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Chair, I rise in support of En Bloc Amendment No. 2, which includes my language that makes clear the intent of Congress to maintain federal protections under the Civil Rights Act.

Since 1964, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act has prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in all federally funded programs and activities. It is the law of the land. Unfortunately, there have been widespread efforts by this Administration to roll back protections under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Rollback of any parts of the Civil Rights Act, including Title VI, would have a devastating impact on countless people.

It is the intent of Congress to instruct that all federal agencies vigorously enforce and implement the civil rights protections guaranteed under Title VI and Congress will be opposed to any and all efforts to undermine these protections whether intentional or not.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I erroneously voted "no" on Amendment 24 offered

by Representatives Amash and Lofgren to H.R. 2740. I would like to correct my vote to a "yes" on this amendment.

RECOGNIZING INTERFAITH TAMPA BAY ON THEIR FIFTH ANNUAL INTERFAITH PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Interfaith Tampa Bay on their fifth annual Interfaith Pride Worship Service in St. Petersburg, Florida. I am honored to represent such an inclusive and diverse district. This worship service demonstrates that an attitude of not just tolerance, but acceptance, is shared by our faith leaders of all beliefs and backgrounds.

Interfaith Tampa Bay is an organization uniting faith leaders and believers of different religious backgrounds, coming together in prayer, service, and mutual support. The Pride Worship Service, taking place within the city-wide celebration of St. Pete Pride, gives LGBTQ members of the faith community an opportunity to worship and celebrate God's love surrounded by those who accept and support them. The Pride Worship Service invites all in attendance to worship at the altar of compassion, kindness, and understanding.

Hosted by King of Peace Metropolitan Community Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, the Pride Worship Service features leaders of the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist faiths. This service is preceded by a Pride March through the streets of the city to the steps of the church, demonstrating the interconnectivity between faith, pride, and self-love. It is a message to all that one need not choose between their faith and their identity, and that it is only when we are able to truly love ourselves that we are able to love God.

Through the Pride Worship Service and other community gatherings, Interfaith Tampa Bay is fostering a sense of community between the faith communities in our region, and reestablishing the church, mosque, synagogue, and other houses of worship as places of love and enlightenment for all. Recently, the organization hosted the Tampa Bay Iftar Dinner to celebrate the Muslim observance of Ramadan and recognize the achievements of Tampa Bay's Muslim community. In light of recent incidences of violence within these sacred spaces, the role of Interfaith Tampa Bay and similar institutions is incredibly important in the fight against intolerance and hate.

On behalf of my Tampa Bay neighbors, I want to recognize Interfaith Tampa Bay, King of Peace MCC, Allendale UMC, Congregation B'Nai Israel, and all participating faith organizations for their support of the LGBTQ community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to correct the official record regarding two of my recorded votes from yesterday's House consideration of H.R. 2740, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2020.

During the chamber's recorded vote on House Amendment 379 I voted aye rather no, which was not my intention. Further, although I was not able to cast a vote-for House Amendment 381, I wish to note that I would have voted aye.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

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Mr. BURGESS. Madam Chair, my amendment would place a funding limitation on the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to utilize the Title 42 hiring authority.

The Title 42 hiring authority gives the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) the ability to incentivize and expedite the recruitment of scientists and other experts

working in the cutting edge of public health. Congress authorized this authority for HHS alone in the 1940s. However, in 2006, this authority was extended to the Environmental Protection Agency by an appropriations bill—it did not go through the authorization process.

A 2015 report by the EPA's Office of Inspector General discovered that the EPA did not properly demonstrate a need to use the Title 42 hiring authority, nor did it provide clear and convincing justification for its continued use. As of 2015, the total annual salary for EPA Title 42 appointments is between \$3.5 million and \$6.75 million. This is just further evidence that the EPA's use of the Title 42 hiring authority must come to an end. The ability of the EPA to hire outside of the regular General Services scale must first go through regular order.

I urge support for this amendment so that Congress has the time to fully review this problematic hiring authority before appropriating additional funding.