

Just four years earlier, the Soviets had released Sputnik into orbit, as the first unmanned satellite, and in the process taken the leading the global space race.

Our confidence shaken, we set out to work on the mission before us.

The 1960s were a tumultuous time in our pursuit of the moon's surface. Our path was not linear and not without setbacks.

Before we could celebrate the triumph of the *Apollo 11* crew and the valor of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins, we mourned the crew of *Apollo 1*, who died shortly after their capsule lifted off of Terra Firma.

Before we could walk on the moon, it was necessary first to orbit the earth.

Indeed, the journey to Mare Tranquillitatis was long, and a collective, national endeavor.

The pursuit would be the pursuit of three presidents until, on July 20, 1969, the crew of *Apollo 11* touched down on the Moon's surface.

The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, because, indeed, it was one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

This moment was definitely a moment for joy and celebration for our entire nation.

But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion for particular and unique pride.

The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

I thank them for all that they do.

As I conclude my remarks, I urge all within earshot of my voice to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration, and wonder what lies next for us.

And, I evoke President Kennedy's admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts.

I congratulate all from NASA who have made the endeavor of space flight their life's work.

CONGRESSMAN ROB WOODALL STANDS UP FOR WIDOWS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful our talented colleague, Congressman ROB WOODALL of Georgia, stood up for what is right. Yesterday on the House Floor, Congressman WOODALL promoted the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, the Widows Tax elimination.

"We had an opportunity under the new consensus calendar . . . to bring bipartisan legislation to the floor. What they [Democrats] said was if you bring enough Democrats and Republicans to support your bill, we will give you a special pathway to get that bill to the floor for those ideas that we want to celebrate together."

"Congressman Joe Wilson has such a bill . . . to support the widows of our fallen servicemen and women. Widows and widowers."

Because Democrats subverted this by removing it from the calendar, they did not follow their own rule. It is now legislative day four for a stand-alone vote, with now 371 cosponsors, bringing over 86 percent of Members of Congress as supporters.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION FORMALLY CONDEMNING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S SYSTEMATIC CRUEL AND INHUMANE TREATMENT OF MIGRANTS, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN, AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced a resolution formally condemning the Trump Administration's systematic cruel and inhumane treatment of migrants, particularly children, at the southern border.

This resolution was introduced with the support of more than fifty of our Democratic colleagues who agree that the House of Representatives needs to go on the record in their condemnation of the human rights crisis perpetrated by the Trump administration.

While Congress has voted to send billions of dollars in humanitarian aid to improve the conditions of detainees, the House of Representatives has yet to reject Trump's inhumane and horrific policies. With thousands of children separated from their families, more being denied asylum at the border, and far more languishing in detention facilities without the basic necessities to sustain a dignified life, this body must take a stand. The first step toward combatting evil is giving it a name. As the branch of government closest to the American public, we must formally condemn Trump's intolerant and hateful policies against some of the world's most vulnerable individuals.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Chair, I rise to support the amendment offered by Mr. Khanna, which I was proud to cosponsor.

If the President wants to go to war, he needs to come to Congress first. The Constitution gives Congress—not the President—the power to declare war.

This is about checks and balances. It does not prevent the President from defending

America, it simply enforces current law exactly as it is written in the war powers resolution. There's no special category for Iran that allows the President to skip the critical step of coming to Congress.

Iran is dangerous. I am not blind to the threat it poses to our allies and our interests, but addressing those threats need not lead us into another war. We need to de-escalate heightened tensions in the region, so we don't stumble into a conflict with Iran. Now is the time for Congress to step up and assert our constitutional authority.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MUNIR MUHAMMAD CO-FOUNDER COMMITTEE FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD (CROE)

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, to every man, there is a way, a way and a way. The high souls take the highway, and the low souls take the low, while all the rest on the Mistry flats drift to and from. To every man there is a way, a way and a way, and each man decideth which way his soul will go.

Ever since I have known Mr. Munir Muhammad, he has been focused on helping people understand the work and the value of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Munir became acquainted with the teachings of Elijah Muhammad in 1972, and never stopped learning. In 1974, he became a member of the nation of Islam and spent much of the rest of his life extolling the virtues and the teachings of the life and works of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

To further and expand his efforts, Munir became an accomplished journalist and community leader. He hosted a regular television show, documentaries, forums and came up with other creative ways to keep the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the forefront.

Mr. Munir Muhammad will be sorely missed, and may he rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the decade of service that Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri has provided to its local communities as it celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

When Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri was founded in 2009, there were just two offices and two employees focused on family and mental health counseling. However, its role drastically changed in May 2011, when a powerful tornado struck the city of Joplin. Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri raced into action and became a vital lifeline for those

who had lost everything. Within a year of the disaster, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri had become the largest provider of Disaster Case Management in the entire state.

Soon after, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri launched a new program, aimed at helping to rebuild the community. With the help of volunteers, it worked to repair 250 homes, and completely restore 15 in the Joplin area. Since then, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri has expanded to include assistance with flood-damaged communities. It also opened their LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home, to serve the needs of homeless pregnant women in the community and have even started Support Services for Veteran Families Program.

What started as a small operation has turned into a well-oiled machine. There are now 85 staff operating out of nine offices across southern Missouri, covering 25,719 square miles. Due to the large area covered, it is difficult for those in need to come to these offices, so the staff goes to them, ensuring that they help as many as they possibly can. Their mission is simple, "Motivated by the love of Christ, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri seeks to improve the lives of the vulnerable by providing quality, compassionate social services, which meet local needs."

Madam Speaker, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri exemplifies the best qualities that an organization can possess. They work every day to serve the needs of the communities of southern Missouri, mainly assisting those who are in poverty or have recently lost their entire livelihood. I am honored to rise in recognition of their services and ask all Americans to join me in gratitude for their continued service.

SUGAR LAND NAMES VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Becky Adams, Damon Brownd, Ron Fawcett, Brenda Frye, Connie Guyton, Tony Manna, Gabriel Rodriguez, Carmen Suarez, Trudy Thompson and Michael Voegtline for being named Volunteers of the Year by the Sugar Land City Council.

These ten dedicated volunteers are part of the Serve Sugar Land program that contributed 27,853 hours of volunteer service to the city in 2018. Each was nominated and selected by a different city department, from accounting to the municipal court to the animal shelter. Their commitment to our community exemplifies "the Sugar Land way," and we are lucky to have so many amazing folks who strive to use their skills to give back to our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to these stellar community leaders for being named Volunteers of the Year by the Sugar Land City Council. I thank them for their dedication to making Sugar Land the best place to live, work and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING FEDEX-SAFE KIDS PARTNERSHIP

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in praise of a 20-year partnership between Memphis-based FedEx and Safe Kids Worldwide and to congratulate FedEx for receiving the 20th Anniversary Award at this Thursday's Childhood Prevention Convention Awards Luncheon here in Washington, D.C. For 20 years, FedEx has worked with Safe Kids to advance pedestrian safety for children in school zones around the country, reaching 17 million children and improving safety at 13,000 schools with educational outreach and infrastructure improvements. I especially want to call attention to the dramatic improvements this partnership has produced in my own district. Between 2003 and 2011, Treadwell Elementary School in Memphis saw 16 pedestrians hit in its school zone, ten under the age of 15, resulting in serious injuries. With a \$40,000 contribution from FedEx, Safe Kids and the City of Memphis created a safe zone and there has not been a single crash in that zone in the eight years since the intervention.

Treadwell's safe zone became a model and has resulted in upgrades to the safety zone at Grahamwood Elementary, also in my district. I'd also like to applaud Tennessee's proud legacy in promoting child safety as the first state to pass a child passenger safety law in 1978. I would also like to commend Safe Kids MidSouth, part of the Tennessee network of Safe Kids coalitions, supported by Memphis-based LeBonheur Children's Hospital. FedEx, with more than 100,000 vehicles on the road, understands the importance of protecting pedestrians. I want to commend its leadership for the forethought that has brought the FedEx-Safe Kids partnership to this 20-year milestone.

OPPOSING THE MOTION TO TABLE H. RES. 498

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, today, I voted against the Republican motion to table the article of impeachment offered by Congressman AL GREEN of Texas. To be clear, President Trump has consistently invoked nationalist and racist tropes that have a long and shameful history in this country. His recent vile and hateful comments were not just an attack on our colleagues, they were an attack on all immigrants and minorities, and on our fundamental values as a nation.

I opposed this procedural motion because this article of impeachment should have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. One resolution related to impeachment has already been referred to the Committee. The subject matter of Congressman GREEN's resolution was separate and distinct and did not go directly to the issues of obstruction, corruption, and abuse of power at the core of our investigation—but it, too, should have been referred

to us. My hope is that future impeachment resolutions be referred here as well, so that they can also be considered as part of the Committee's overall response to clear allegations of presidential misconduct.

Today's vote has no effect on that important work. Our investigation will continue. We will hear directly from Special Counsel Mueller one week from today. I very much doubt that today will be the last action we must consider to hold President Trump accountable.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine challenges for cannabis and banking, focusing on outside perspectives.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the United States' interests in the Freely Associated States.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident, S. 2066, to review United States Saudi Arabia Policy, S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116-01), and the nominations of Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of