

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF OVER-THE-COUNTER CONSUMER HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, each year, July 24th, is recognized as “International Self-Care Day,” an annual opportunity to put a spotlight on the benefits that safe and effective self-care provide to advance public health. Consumer healthcare products such as over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, consumer medical devices, and dietary supplements play a critical role in self-care. Americans enjoy easy access to consumer healthcare products at thousands of retail locations nationwide and online, and they recognize the tremendous value that consumer healthcare products provide for individuals and healthcare systems. In fact, OTCs alone save the U.S. healthcare system over \$146 billion annually. For every \$1 consumers spend on OTC medicines, the healthcare system saves \$7 by reducing the need for more expensive types of healthcare. That’s why I was so proud to introduce H.R. 3443 with my colleague from Ohio, Mr. LATTA.

HONORING HIS HOLINESS SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor his Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, a Hindu spiritual leader and humanitarian who has devoted his life to eliminating violence and spreading compassion throughout the world. I also wish to acknowledge the America Meditates guided meditation conducted today in Denver, Colorado by His Holiness as part of the National Summit for Mental Health and Mental Fitness, an event that will be livestreamed nationwide and joined by thousands of His Holiness’ devotees.

His Holiness’s teachings emphasize the close relationship between spirituality, compassion for others, and concern for the environment. According to his beliefs, spirituality is open to all people regardless of religion or culture, because the bond that all humans share is stronger than any characteristics that may divide us.

His Holiness has taken part in extensive humanitarian work around the world. Volunteers from his many service organizations have distributed food and emergency supplies, and provided spiritual support and counseling, to victims from natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina in the United States and the 2004 tsunami that devastated Southeast Asia.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is a champion of peace, and has actively sought to assist in ef-

orts to mediate conflicts in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, South America and on the Indian subcontinent. His Holiness has dedicated himself to social initiatives all over the world and especially in India, where he has worked to increase voter awareness and establish free health camps, and address social problems ranging from drug abuse to the rehabilitation of prison populations. His Holiness has also worked to protect our environment with an assortment of water and river rehabilitation projects, and through efforts ranging from programs to help train farmers on creating seed banks to building waste management facilities.

In recognition of his decades of service, His Holiness has been honored with awards from countries including India, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Hungary, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, Russia and the United States. In 2016, the Government of India awarded him the “Padma Vibhushan”, its second highest civilian honor.

His Holiness continues his work throughout the world to bring peace and understanding through meditation and spiritual growth. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar for the good work he has done through his spiritual leadership and humanitarian service, and commend him for his continued efforts to make a more just and peaceful world.

HONORING THE ANNIVERSARY OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Calvary Baptist Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church’s one hundredth anniversary, as well as twenty-five years under the leadership of Pastor Lawrence T. Foster.

Born and raised in San Francisco, California, Pastor Foster arrived in Detroit to lead the flock at Calvary Baptist Church in 1994. Pastor Foster is a proud graduate of Morehouse College, completing his theological studies at Harvard University Divinity School. Outside his duties attending to the spiritual needs of his congregation, Pastor Foster has worked to advance causes such as fair housing as a member of the Virginia Park-Henry Ford Hospital Non-profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors, as a board member of the Michigan AIDS Coalition, as well as an advocate for economic and agricultural development in west Africa as a member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention’s Missionary Ministry.

Calvary Baptist Church was founded in 1919 by Reverend Henry James Mastin as a place of refuge in its surrounding communities. More than that, Calvary welcomed the migrating masses of African Americans who possessed little social status, providing an envi-

ronment of prayer, praise, fellowship and mutual aid where everybody was somebody. This legacy lives on in the longevity of Pastor Foster’s service.

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Lawrence T. Foster and the members of Calvary Baptist Church as we recognize its one hundredth anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAVERLY TOWNSHIP AND THE WAVERLY COMMUNITY HOUSE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Waverly Township, Pennsylvania and the Waverly Community House. The first cornerstone for the Waverly Community House, the hub of community activity and affectionately known as ‘the Comm,’ was laid in 1919.

Waverly found its humble beginning as a few settlers homesteading in a small area of a forest, but as more businesses and settlements began to populate the area, local resident and philanthropist Margaretta Belin and her children saw the need for a space for their community to gather. The idea was a tribute to her beloved husband Henry Belin Jr. who passed away in 1917. As the director of the Scranton Lace Company, Henry was steadfastly dedicated to emphasizing the importance of recreation to his staff. The Belins incorporated the memory of their dear father into the mission statement and purpose of the Waverly Community House as a place for residents to gather, learn, and play together. In 1919, under the direction of architect George M.D. Lewis, the Comm was built, and in 1920 the building and the portion of the land were deeded to Abington Township.

In the century that followed, the Comm faithfully embodied the spirit of the Belin family’s mission to promote civic engagement and recreational activities for the Abingtons and beyond. The original building included a bowling alley, a gathering area, a post office, a library, and the first kindergarten in Lackawanna County. The Comm offered activities such as an annual fair, classes, tennis tournaments, and movie. During World War II, the Comm was pivotal in support the war effort on the home front by organizing volunteer efforts, sending regular newsletters to soldiers stationed abroad, holding defense meetings, and collecting book donations.

As the Comm flourished, the Belin children dedicated two additional wings to the building in honor of their mother to accommodate its growing community events. The rooms are still in use today and house spaces for camps, education, arts programs, and a welcome center which features Destination Freedom, a Walking Tour of the Underground Railroad in

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Waverly. The Comm continues to be the center of community life in Waverly. Special events like the annual Antiques Show and Sale, the Artisans' Marketplace, the House and Garden Show, Summer Music Concerts, and seasonal children's parties.

It is an honor to recognize Waverly Township and the Waverly Community House on their centennial. The Comm has been the heartbeat of community life in the Abingtons since 1919, and I wish them another hundred years of growth and prosperity in the tradition of service to others, recreation, and civic engagement.

OPPOSING GLOBAL BOYCOTT,
DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DEFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of H. Res. 246, a resolution opposing the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

While it will be a difficult vote, I support this resolution because some individuals leading the BDS movement have engaged in anti-Semitic rhetoric and actions and have questioned the right of Israel to exist. While not perfect, this resolution sends an important message that anti-Semitism is unacceptable.

Let me be clear: anti-Semitism, as with any other form of racism or discrimination, is antithetical to the values and aspirations of the American people. I am disturbed by the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States and other parts of the world, and I am troubled by the fact that the genocide that took place during the Holocaust is fading from memory.

That's why I have taken substantive actions to combat anti-Semitism, including joining the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism, voting in support of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2018, and voting in support of a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry and intolerance. I am also a cosponsor of the Never Again Education Act, which would help address the rise in anti-Semitism by granting teachers across the country the resources and training necessary to teach our children the lessons of the Holocaust and the horrific consequences of hate and intolerance.

At the same time, I agree with this resolution's statements that boycotts and related actions are legitimate forms of free speech protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. That's why I am cosponsoring H. Res. 496, a resolution affirming that all Americans have the right to participate in boycotts, as protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution. I have also consistently opposed—and will continue to oppose—any legislation that would punish or criminalize individuals' constitutionally-protected right to free speech.

I also agree with the stated support for a two-state solution in H. Res. 246. I have consistently supported a two-state solution throughout my time in Congress, and I am once again a cosponsor of legislation stating that any U.S. plan or proposal for peace in the

Middle East must include and center on a two-state solution. A two-state solution will not only secure Israel's future as a democratic, Jewish state, it will also advance U.S. security interests in the region and enhance our ability to confront the threats posed by Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and other dubious actors in the Middle East.

Unfortunately, this resolution does nothing to address the fact that the Trump administration and the Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have taken a number of actions that severely undermine a two-state solution. This includes the Trump administration's decision to recognize the city of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, to relocate the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, to greenlight the continuing expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and to discontinue U.S. contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and bilateral assistance to the Palestinians—all decisions which I strongly oppose. Regrettably, the Trump administration's actions have undermined the confidence among Palestinians and Arab countries in the region that the U.S. desires to play a productive role as a neutral mediator in the Middle East peace process.

As an ally of Israel, the United States invests more than \$3 billion in aid to Israel annually. Accordingly, I believe it is only appropriate that lawmakers voice their legitimate concerns with Israeli policies in a constructive way, as I have done throughout my time in Congress and will continue to do. That's why I have joined my colleagues in urging the Israeli government not to demolish Palestinian communities in the West Bank, cosponsored legislation such as the Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act, and continued to urge President Trump to restore vital aid to the Palestinians. Protecting human rights, regardless of any ongoing tension between Israelis and Palestinians, should be a fundamental American value.

It is only through thoughtful, respectful, nuanced debate that Congress can productively contribute towards resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and addressing the legitimate needs of both peoples. The bottom line is it is critical that the U.S. pursue policies that will move Israelis and Palestinians towards a negotiated, two-state solution, and I will continue to push the Trump administration and Congress to do so.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING KINDNESS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, remembering to act with kindness in the United States and affirming our commitment to fostering community and building resiliency through every day acts of kindness can do wonders. Kindness can change a family, a neighborhood, a school, a city, a nation, and ultimately, our world.

We must recognize the long history of Americans demonstrating kindness daily in their homes, schools, places of faith, businesses, community organizations, and

throughout their neighborhoods. The resolution also recognizes that kindness and compassion can heal the country from within and promote a healthier society.

Creating a culture of kindness can foster strong bonds that will bring individuals together despite their differences in order to tackle the challenges that face us. We must ensure that we remain a nation who acts with kindness towards one another.

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF
CAMEROON AND ARMED GROUPS
TO RESPECT THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OF ALL CAMEROONIAN
CITIZENS

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, over the past two years, tensions have escalated in the Northwest and Southwest regions in Cameroon between the minority Anglophone population and the Francophone factions that control the government. The conflict has killed hundreds of Cameroonian, has displaced nearly half of a million people, and human rights violations have been alleged against both security forces loyal to the Francophone-led Cameroonian government and militant Anglophone separatist groups. This conflict has severely impacted the town of Kumbo in Cameroon, which is the sister city of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

As sister cities, Kumbo and La Crosse have exchanged many official delegation visits, and a local nonprofit called the La Crosse Friends of Cameroon has been dedicated to deepening the ties between the two cities and raising awareness about the conflict. Their passion and dedication to finding a sustainable and inclusive peace in Cameroon was clear as I spoke before them at an event in La Crosse. Following that event, I traveled to Cameroon as part of a congressional delegation, and I was grateful to the local leaders from Kumbo who traveled to meet with us to share their powerful stories about how the conflict has affected their home.

The ongoing devastation that our Cameroonian friends are experiencing as a result of this crisis is unconscionable, which is why I helped introduce a resolution calling for the respect of human rights of all Cameroonian citizens, an immediate end to the violence, and for the creation of a broad-based dialogue to seek nonviolent solutions to the conflict. I am proud to see the House of Representatives take up this resolution to show that Congress supports a path to a sustainable, inclusive peace in Cameroon.

HONORING MS. JUDY SCHNEIDER

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. DELAUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Judy Schneider of the Congressional Research Service for her service to the United States Congress and the