

which fails to even acknowledge the global climate crisis that future generations will be left to bear.

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#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MILITARY LEGACY OF MORTON “SHEA” LANDY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and the incredible military legacy of Morton “Shea” Landy.

Morton passed away on November 25 at the age of 90 in Curwensville, Pennsylvania.

Morton was a longtime resident of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, although his military service took him across the world throughout his career.

After enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1946, Morton would go on to serve in Japan shortly after World War II, in the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and in Vietnam during the height of the Vietnam war, to name a few.

After 32 years of faithfully serving our Nation both domestically and abroad, Morton retired from the Marine Corps. He would finish his military career with not only the highest enlisted rank possible, but as the second highest sergeant major in the Marines.

Even still, Morton’s service did not stop there. In retirement, he spent much of his time volunteering on behalf of the Clearfield County Historical Society, his local VFW, and the Marine Corps League.

The passing of Morton Landy is a profound loss, and I offer my sincerest condolences to Morton’s family and to those who were forever touched by his commitment to service.

#### PRAISING THE IMPEACHMENT VOTE

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise my House colleagues for their votes to impeach President Donald Trump last night. I know it was not easy for many of them, but when called to make the tough choice, they proved themselves true patriots: They chose to protect and defend our country and our Constitution from a President who has little regard for either.

Foreign influence in American affairs was the Founding Fathers’ biggest fear. That is why Presidents must be natural-born citizens.

But now we have a President who profits from foreign officials staying at his hotels, who solicits foreign interference in our elections, and who attacks everything American, including our courts, FBI, veterans, Gold Star families, and even our citizens.

The Founding Fathers would have been extremely proud of what we did last night. That is why I am proud to be a Member of a Congress that fights for the public good and not personal profit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### APPRECIATING INDIA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as we, today, close this year’s legislative session, I am grateful to reflect on significant opportunities experienced in 2019.

My highlight was my continued association with India as former co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, continuing my family’s 75-year appreciation of India.

In August, I visited Mumbai to pay respects at the locations of the Islamic extremist attacks of November 26, 2018, the Indian equivalent of the 9/11 mass murder.

The Independence Day address by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi was inspiring on August 15.

In September, it was extraordinary to be present in Houston for the Howdy Modi welcome of Prime Minister Modi by President Donald Trump. With 52,000 persons attending, it was the largest welcome event in American history for a head of state.

At the same time, the Indian Parliament, with multiparty support, voided the constitutional autonomy of Kashmir, supporting the Prime Minister’s efforts to boost economic development, fight corruption, and end gender, cast, and religious discrimination.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism with the leadership of President Donald Trump.

Americans are grateful, as the world’s oldest democracy, to see India succeed as the world’s largest democracy.

#### CONGRATULATING JONAS ON HIS GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE

(Ms. CRAIG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate my son Jonas, who graduates tomorrow from North Dakota State University’s College of Agriculture and Applied Science.

When Jonas was in high school, he took postsecondary education classes at Inver Hills Community College, allowing him to graduate with a degree in natural resources management from NDSU in 3½ years.

I have four sons, and Jonas has always been the peacekeeper. He got into

less—well, actually, no trouble that I know of in high school, and he is such a loyal friend that he went to college with his three best friends.

Of course, I didn’t want Jonas to leave Minnesota for college, but he decided that Minnesota just wasn’t cold enough for him, so he moved to Fargo. Now that he is done tomorrow, I couldn’t be happier to welcome him back home to Minnesota.

Congratulations, Jonas.

#### IMPEACHMENT WAS A SHAM

(Mr. BYRNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, for weeks, we were told that we couldn’t wait, we had to go forward with impeachment before Christmas, that the Republic was at stake. And then this House passed a purely partisan impeachment yesterday, and the Speaker has decided to hold the Articles of Impeachment.

That underscores the word “sham.” That puts an exclamation point after the word “sham.” That shows what a ridiculous exercise we just went through.

We can’t dictate to the Senate how they handle their trial. They get to pick that.

This shows that they got cold feet on the other side. They don’t have a case. They can’t win a fair trial in the Senate, and they know it, and they are afraid to send the articles over there where it will get the fair trial and not the kangaroo court we had here.

#### THERE IS STILL TIME TO DELIVER THE AMERICAN FAMILY’S HOLIDAY WISH LIST

(Ms. WEXTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, when the American people sent us to Congress, they sent us here with policies they wished us to act upon—a wish list, if you will. And now, in the holiday season, let’s reflect on what we have delivered for the American people from that wish list.

Federal workers will receive a 3.1 percent pay increase and, for the first time ever, 12 weeks of paid parental leave—two important priorities that I have fought for since I was sworn into office.

Just last week, we passed sweeping legislation that would help lower the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs.

We also voted for universal background checks, equal pay for equal work, a living wage for hardworking Americans, equal protections for LGBTQ Americans, action on climate change, protection for Dreamers and TPS recipients, reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, and hundreds of other bipartisan bills.

But, Mr. Speaker, the House can't fulfill its wish list all on our own. We need the Senate to vote on the bills that we passed in this Chamber. And just like the Grinch whose heart grew three sizes just in time to save Christmas, Senator MCCONNELL can still deliver on the American family's holiday wish list.

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**RECOGNIZING DR. PAM MOBLEY FOR HER HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN THE BAHAMAS**

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Pam Mobley, a physician from Knoxville. Dr. Mobley has been in the Bahamas since September assisting with medical relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

Dr. Mobley was on Green Turtle Cay in the Abaco Islands when Hurricane Dorian began battering the Bahamas. The storm displaced the local personnel on Green Turtle Cay, but Dr. Mobley decided to wait it out. Once it was safe, she began providing medical assistance to those injured in the hurricane.

Even though Dr. Mobley could have returned to the United States months ago, she has remained in the Bahamas to care for the injured and help with relief efforts. Her selfless actions are truly remarkable.

I applaud Dr. Mobley for her humanitarian efforts in the Bahamas and thank her for being an excellent representative of the Knoxville community.

I know I speak for many in east Tennessee when I say Pam is making us all very, very proud, Mr. Speaker.

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**COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY**

(Ms. SHALALA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, today millions of Americans are working to pay off their student debt. This is already an enormous burden for those who have graduated from reputable schools, but it is nearly impossible for those who attend schools that failed to live up to their responsibilities to their students.

Predatory for-profit institutions recruit students with false promises and leave them with worthless degrees and thousands of dollars of debt. These schools are prone to sudden closure, leaving students stranded, with no recourse to continue their education.

The College Affordability Act works to solve these pressing issues that plague far too many students. The bill would prevent sudden closure of colleges by requiring creditors to act on warning signs. Finally, it would close the GI Bill loophole that allows for

profit colleges to take advantage of our brave veterans.

I urge my colleagues to support this crucial legislation and hold the schools accountable to their students.

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**RECOGNIZING TRI GLOBAL ENERGY ON THEIR 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

(Mr. ARRINGTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, west Texas is the breadbasket and energy basin of the United States of America. Our producers feed, clothe, and fuel this great Nation—and not with just conventional fuels, Mr. Speaker.

Texas is, by far, the largest producer of wind energy in the Nation. This is not only good for rural economies, but it also diversifies our energy production, and helps support our Nation's energy independence for future generations.

Today, I would like to recognize one of our outstanding west Texas wind energy developers, Tri Global Energy, and its CEO and good friend, John B. Billingsley, as they celebrate their 10th anniversary this year.

I commend Tri Global for their excellence in renewable energy over the past decade, and I wish them the very best success in the decades to come.

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**TURKEY AND NATO**

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, Turkey's leader has threatened to shut down Incirlik Air Base in retaliation for possible U.S. sanctions related to the Syrian border incursion and the House's acknowledgment of the Armenian genocide a century ago.

What a sad day for the Atlantic Alliance that has shouldered so many burdens and shared so much loss in blood and treasure.

Since the end of World War II, America has backed Turkey and her independence and freedom from Soviet domination, culminating with Turkey joining the Alliance in 1952.

I am an original cosponsor of Representative KINZINGER's United States-Turkey Relations Review Act. This bill would require us to carefully assess the options for relocating American personnel and assets from Incirlik Air Base.

Given Turkey's purchase of the Russian air defense system, the incursion in northeast Syria, and now threatening to close Incirlik, Turkey is not acting like a true and reliable partner. Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan's provocative behavior merits the U.S. and other NATO allies to consider our options in the region.

**JUST MERCY**

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, we have much to be thankful for in this great and grand Nation.

We are thankful for our Constitution that allows us to define what is right and wrong.

I am thankful for all of the Americans who will be with their families, all of those who are documented and undocumented individuals in this country who have come for relief and refuge.

I am thankful for the Members of Congress who uphold this Constitution.

And I am also thankful for the opportunity to salute Bryan Stevenson, who has just turned his book, "Just Mercy," into a movie.

I look forward to working to reform the juvenile justice system, to adding my bills banning the box, banning solitary confinement, and alternative sentencing for our children.

Our children should be receiving restorative justice; and like Bryan Stevenson, I believe there is a future if we invest in the future of our young people.

So I intend to introduce, when we come back from this time in our districts, an omnibus, large juvenile justice reform bill that takes into consideration our teachers, our law enforcement, our social workers, our young people, our faith community, and Bryan Stevenson's advanced and innovative concept that delivers just mercy.

Happy holidays. Merry Christmas. Happy Kwanza to everyone in the United States of America for this wonderful holiday season.

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**SHAMEFUL IMPEACHMENT**

(Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in recent American history, the President of the United States was impeached with only Members of one party voting for it. This has been a shameful, partisan exercise in the U.S. House from start to finish.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI's actions yesterday contradicted her previous statements that impeachment should only happen if it has bipartisan support.

Since the moment President Trump was sworn into office, Democrats in Congress had made it their mission to remove him and overturn the results of the 2016 election. On January 20, 2017, The Washington Post wrote that the effort to impeach President Donald John Trump is underway—and indeed it was.

President Trump did nothing wrong, and these Articles of Impeachment were totally meritless. The American