

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

people and folks across West Virginia have been able to witness this unjust and unfair process.

Despite a rigged investigation and process, Democrats could still not find any real evidence of an actual crime. I will continue to stand with President Donald Trump as he fights back against this baseless impeachment.

I look forward to a fair trial in the U.S. Senate.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, the story of the birth of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of Luke:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

THE WAR ON PUTTING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, that was such a beautiful 1-minute speech, it is hard to follow it. It was such a great thing to say.

This morning when I got up, I read a column by one of the talking heads around here saying that there was a fictional war on Christmas, and I thought I might address the issue with my 1-minute speech.

There may or may not be a war on Christmas around here, but there is certainly a war on putting Christ in Christmas, and I am going to comment on the background music that we hear throughout the Christmas season.

In Washington, D.C., we have WASH, a typical radio station around the country. From 4 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock this afternoon, the only song that they played that mentioned Christ was "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen."

This is corporate America at its best. They have a list of their 50 favorite songs for Christmas, and "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" was 50. They managed to find 49 great songs that didn't mention Christ.

If you get around shopping, Kohl's department store, and whatnot, Mr. Speaker, you will again and again hear the music background leaving out "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Joy to the World," "O Come, All Ye Faithful"—all the songs that people my age grew up with.

I would hope that America will step forward and be aware of this and demand more of corporate America.

I finally would like to thank Sheboygan North High School in my district for playing "Joy to the World" and "Away in a Manger" in the Christmas parade.

SPEECH SHUT DOWN FOR IMPEACHMENT

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I am here giving a 1-minute speech on the last day of our legislative week because not only in Judiciary were we prevented from having minority witnesses come and having a minority witness day—the majority could have changed the rules if they wanted but they didn't bother, they just violated their own rules—we have special orders every day, and that is 2 hours for each party. But with impeachment going on, the Speaker chose to shut down that for the week and shut down the 5-minutes speeches, so she pretty well shut down speeches that we normally are allowed to have.

Normally, I would hope to read a Christmas proclamation, but since I am only allowed 3 more seconds, I will just say: Merry Christmas and happy new year.

SENATE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A bill and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 153. An act to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; in addition, to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance and significance of

the 2020 Census and encouraging individuals, families, and households across the United States to participate in the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 150. An act to modernize Federal grant reporting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1138. An act to reauthorize the West valley demonstration project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2333. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention coordinators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4566. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 31, 2019.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 50.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 216.—An act to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydro-power by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

S. 256.—An act to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

S. 737.—An act to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood.

S. 1790.—An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 17, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 5363. To reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAYNE). Pursuant to section 7(b) of