

purpose, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1994) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement savings, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from May 24, 2019, through May 31, 2019; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### RECOGNIZING RACQUEL ASA IN HONOR OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) for 30 minutes.

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, I want to recognize Racquel Asa.

Racquel Asa is an anchor and reporter for WFTV Eyewitness News in Orlando, Florida.

Racquel's parents both came from the Philippines in pursuit of careers in the medical profession. She is a wife and mother to two young children, and she is proud to call central Florida her home.

She has been a journalist for nearly 15 years in New York and Florida. During her time in Orlando, she covers all things transportation in central Florida, from I-4 to SunRail to the growing need to make roads safer. She has been tapped by the Central Florida Expressway Authority and DriveSmartFlorida.org to create a regional campaign to make our roads safer.

She was recently recognized, in May, by the Federal Highway Administration for her efforts to raise awareness for both drivers and construction workers in work zones.

She is also an Emmy-nominated journalist who has been recognized for her investigations into red light cameras and breaking news traffic reports.

She is active in the community and participates in events every year to help organize and raise money for good organizations, causes, and missions. She has helped Second Harvest Food Bank, Embrace Families, and the local chapters of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and American Diabetes Association raise hundreds of thousands of dollars by emceeding their events. Most recently, she helped Tour de Cure Lake Nona break national records, raising more than \$1 million to help fund diabetes research.

For that, we recognize Ms. Racquel Asa.

#### RECOGNIZING COCO JOHNSTON IN HONOR OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, I want to recognize Coco Johnston.

Coco Johnston moved from Honolulu, Hawaii, to southern California and has called Clermont, Florida, her home for the past 12 years.

She currently works in marketing for Metro Title Group, located in Metro West, where she facilitates real estate closings. She has been in the title closing and home warranty industry for over 40 years.

Her activities include being the current president of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce in central Florida. The organization's vision is to help its members prosper, grow, and serve as a bridge between many Asian American communities. They provide leadership, support, and encouragement to the Asian American business community of the greater Orlando region.

She is also a member of the Asian Real Estate Association of America, where she is dedicated to promoting sustainable homeownership opportunities in Asian American communities by creating a powerful national voice for housing and real estate professionals who serve the market.

Ms. Johnston and her husband, John, have been married for 33 years. They have a blended family with their daughter, Amber, and their two granddaughters, Bailey and Charlie.

For that, we honor Ms. Coco Johnston.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. YALCIN AKIN IN HONOR OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, I want to recognize Dr. Yalcin Akin.

Dr. Yalcin Akin is the founder and executive director of Orlando, Seminole, and Osceola science charter schools, a group of tuition-free public charter schools that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math education.

Dr. Akin earned his master's of science and Ph.D. from the University of Florida in materials science and engineering.

Prior to founding Orlando Science Schools, Dr. Akin worked with the National Science Foundation and Department of Energy, supporting numerous projects at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in Tallahassee.

The Orlando Science Schools serve a diverse K-12 population of more than 2,500 students at four campuses in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola Counties.

Since opening in 2008, Orlando Science Schools has been consistently ranked as one of the best schools in the State of Florida and is also ranked among the top 100 most challenging high schools by The Washington Post. It currently stands in the top 15 percent of all schools in the State of Florida. It also has been ranked in the top 500 by U.S. News & World Report.

Dr. Akin is an active member of the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools. He is a frequent speaker on the topic of high-quality charter school education and regularly participates in the annual Florida charter school conferences.

For that, we honor Dr. Akin.

#### RECOGNIZING NUREN DURRE HAIDER IN HONOR OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, I want to recognize Nuren Durre Haider.

Nuren Durre Haider, Esq., is a proud American-born Muslim Bangladeshi woman. She is a wife, the mother of three beautiful children, and an attorney.

She received her bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in business administration and education from the University of Florida and her juris doctorate degree from Florida A&M University College of Law.

Nuren Durre Haider is a believer in empowerment and representation for all. She is focused on getting her community involved in the electoral and political process and was the first Bangladeshi and Muslim to run for Orange County Commission in her district.

She is an advocate for equality, the environment, a living wage, affordable healthcare, banning assault weapons, raising awareness for mental health issues, raising teacher salaries, and other issues that affect the day-to-day lives of Americans. Along with this, Nuren dedicates her time to various interfaith and cultural events.

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Currently, Nuren practices transactional law and is serving her second term as vice chairwoman of the Orange County Democratic Party. She is appointed to the Judiciary Committee of the Florida Democratic Party, the central Florida regional director for the American Muslim Democratic Caucus, an active member of the Democratic Women's Club of West Orange, and holds many other memberships and board positions.

And for that, Ms. Nuren Durre Haider, Esq., we honor you.

#### RECOGNIZING AKM HOSSAIN IN HONOR OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, I want to recognize Akm Hossain. Akm Hossain was born in Bangladesh in September of 1961. He went to school and college in Bangladesh. He came to the United States as a foreign student at Daytona Beach Community College, where he finished his AA degree in business management.

He is a business professional, currently living in Osceola County with his wife, Rokhsana Hossain, and their children. He has been involved with different kinds of social and cultural activities since day one in America. He was elected president of the largest Bangladeshi American social organization in central Florida.

Akm Hossain is the first Bangladeshi American ever to run for public office in the city of Kissimmee, and he is he an active member the Osceola Democratic Party. He has also organized the Asian Food Music and Cultural Festival, the largest multicultural event in central Florida.

He has been awarded Best Community Leader by the Central Florida Bangladeshi American Community five times in a row, and Great Community Leader for his social service and contributions toward the community by the North American Bangladeshi union.

Akm Hossain has dedicated his whole life to uplift the Asian American community and the welfare of its people, and he serves to promote peace, unity, and life throughout the community.

And for that, Mr. Akm Hossain, we honor you.

RECOGNIZING JAN GAUTAM IN HONOR OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, I want to recognize Jan Gautam. Mr. Gautam is identified best as a hands-on executive known for strategic approaches in achieving favorable results for hotel owners, business colleagues, and numerous foundations to which he belongs.

After completing his master's degree in hospitality management, he pursued employment as a hotel director for Carnival and Hawaii Luxury Cruise Lines, before moving to the hotel industry.

As founder of GI Hotels Group in 2004, Mr. Gautam tailored a modern approach to hospitality management. After he founded GI Hotels, Mr. Gautam merged this company with Interessant Hotels & Resort Management, where he currently serves as president and CEO. Interessant has become a leading hotel management company within the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and India.

Additionally, Mr. Gautam has overseen more than \$300 million in renovations and \$450 million in new development of hospitality projects over the past 5 years. He has achieved recognition and served on committees such as the Asian American Hotel Owners Association as a regional ambassador, Board of Directors with Visit Florida, the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Rollins College International Advisory Board, and numerous local chapters to support tourism and governmental interaction.

And for that, Mr. Jan Gautam, we honor you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

## SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 744. An act to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 820. An act to strengthen programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 998. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

## EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first quarter of 2019, pursuant to Public Law 95-184, are as follows:

### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2019

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Travel to Germany, February 14–17, 2019 with CODEL Graham											
Hon. William M. “Mac” Thornberry .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....	.....	1,719.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,719.00
Hon. James Langevin .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....	.....	1,719.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,719.00
Hon. Michael R. Turner .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....	.....	1,719.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,719.00
Hon. Mike Gallagher .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....	.....	1,719.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,719.00
Hon. Jim Banks .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....	.....	1,719.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,719.00
Hon. Elissa Slotkin .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....	.....	1,719.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,719.00
Hon. Elise Stephanik .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....	.....	1,719.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,719.00
Travel to Belgium, February 17–21, 2019 with CODEL Connelly											
Hon. Joe Wilson .....	2/17	2/21	Belgium .....	.....	1,289.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,289.15
Travel to Germany, Kosovo, Israel, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Burundi, Rwanda, Algeria, Spain, February 14–25, 2019 with CODEL Inhofe											
Hon. Trent Kelly .....	2/15	2/16	Germany .....	.....	515.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	515.35
	2/16	2/18	Kosovo .....	.....	366.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	366.17
	2/18	2/20	Israel .....	.....	1,039.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,039.02
	2/20	2/20	Djibouti .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2/20	2/22	Ethiopia .....	.....	791.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	791.50
	2/22	2/22	Burundi .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2/22	2/23	Rwanda .....	.....	362.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	362.78
	2/23	2/24	Algeria .....	.....	283.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	283.08
	2/24	2/25	Spain .....	.....	215.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215.68
Travel to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, February 15–19, 2019 with CODEL Carper											
Hon. Donald Norcross .....	2/15	2/17	Guatemala .....	.....	322.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	322.70
	2/17	2/17	Honduras .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2/17	2/19	El Salvador .....	.....	280.93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280.93
Commercial Transportation .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,933.25	.....	.....	.....	1,933.25
Travel to Cameroon, February 18–22, 2019											
Chidi Blyden .....	2/20	2/21	Cameroon .....	.....	645.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	645.38
Commercial airfare .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18,262.93	.....	.....	.....	18,262.93
Mark Morehouse .....	2/20	2/21	Cameroon .....	.....	645.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	645.38
Commercial airfare .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,933.93	.....	.....	.....	17,933.93
Travel to Belgium, Germany, February 17–23, 2019											
Hon. Filemon Vela .....	2/17	2/20	Belgium .....	.....	920.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	920.63
	2/20	2/23	Germany .....	.....	1,587.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,587.82
Commercial Transportation .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,351.88	.....	.....	.....	1,351.88
Brian Garrett .....	2/19	2/20	Belgium .....	.....	659.47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	659.47
	2/20	2/23	Germany .....	.....	1,587.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,587.82
Commercial airfare .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,332.98	.....	.....	.....	2,332.98
Travel to Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, March 14–25, 2019											
Hon. John Garamendi .....	3/15	3/18	Jordan .....	.....	1,202.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,202.37
	3/18	3/19	Iraq .....	.....	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.00
	3/19	3/21	Kuwait .....	.....	847.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	847.56
Commercial airfare .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,857.53	.....	.....	.....	10,857.53
Hon. Debra Haaland .....	3/15	3/18	Jordan .....	.....	1,202.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,202.37
	3/18	3/19	Iraq .....	.....	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.00