

These two things are not mutually exclusive. We can condemn for the comments that have been made, and we can impeach for the harm that the comments are causing to our society.

Both of these things can be done, and neither will interfere with the Mueller report. The Mueller report—some 90 days now the President has been above the law since the Mueller report was made public.

What do you do? You pass this resolution.

I intend to support it, and I thank the gentleman who filed it for doing so. I believe it is a good resolution.

One of the statements in this resolution that has been reported widely is that the President presented racist comments that have legitimized fear and hatred. I will salute and support the resolution, but you also will hear this resolution to impeach. I would like to read to you what it says in part:

Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

Then it goes on to read:

The aforementioned, Donald John Trump, has, by his statements, brought the high office of President of the United States in contempt, ridicule, disgrace, and disrepute; and has sown discord among the people of the United States; has demonstrated that he is unfit to be President, and has betrayed his trust as President of the United States to the manifest injury of the people of the United States; and has committed a high misdemeanor in office. Therefore, Donald John Trump, by causing such harm to the society of the United States, is unfit to be President and warrants impeachment, trial, and removal from office.

Those who tolerate bigotry perpetuate bigotry.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA MIDDLE SCHOOL—SKILLSUSA GOLD MEDALISTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the impressive career and technical education students in Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

Career and technical education helps learners of all ages gain valuable skills that have the potential to lead to good-paying jobs and rewarding careers. It all starts with our Nation's most valuable resource: our people. Hardworking men and women and the dedicated students who have chosen to pursue a technical career are the backbone of our economy.

As co-chair of the bipartisan House Career and Technical Education Caucus, I couldn't be happier to congratulate Jakob Dixon of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on recently winning a gold medal for his work with sheet

metal at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. The 56th annual event took place in Louisville, Kentucky, and hosted upwards of 6,500 students to compete in more than 100 different skills-based competitions. Jakob will be a senior this fall in the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program at the Indiana Career Technology Center.

Additionally, in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, Northern Cambria Middle School celebrated its back-to-back national championships in the 41st annual Technology Student Association national conference in Washington, D.C., just earlier this month.

More than 8,500 students from across the country competed in 70 different events, including woodworking, programming robots, debate, and more. Every student from Northern Cambria Middle School who competed in the contest achieved national recognition as a top 10 finalist.

Mikey Konitsky, Chris Yahner, Peyton Myers, and Braden Moriconi became national champions in the mechanical engineering competition, a category they have also won in the Commonwealth State of Pennsylvania.

Additionally, Chris Yahner and his classmate Caleb Born placed third in the Nation in structural design and engineering, and Garret Link placed ninth in the Nation for flight endurance.

I am proud of Jakob Dixon and the students of Northern Cambria Middle School and the many students like them across the Commonwealth and the country who have chosen to pursue a skills-based career in such a competitive workforce.

Students like these are in high demand. More than 80 percent of manufacturers claim talent shortages prevent them from keeping up with customer demand, and 46 percent of employers say they have difficulty finding talent, particularly in the skilled trades.

Career and technical education prepare students to be career ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills, and technical job-specific skills through hands-on learning opportunities.

We need more students like Jakob, Mikey, Chris, Peyton, Braden, John, Caleb, and Garret. The value they will add to the American workforce one day cannot be overstated.

REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, the President is Commander in Chief. His highest constitutional duty is protecting American lives.

As of 2016, so-called refugee admissions from the Middle East, Near East, South Asia, and Africa accounted for 80 percent of so-called refugee admissions into America.

I say "so-called refugees" because the United Nations states no country is obligated by international law to take refugees from a country in which they are already protected.

The result of America's flawed policy? America is the world's top refugee resettlement country on the planet.

In a 2015 Breitbart interview, I opposed these dangerous refugee policies and stated: "Barack Obama wants to endanger Americans by importing people, some of whom undoubtedly will resort to terrorism and killing Americans at some point in the future."

Consistent with my view that importing unvetted people from terrorist-laden countries threatens American lives, the House, in 2015, passed a law requiring a full FBI background investigation for alleged Iraq or Syria refugees. The bill died in the Senate while under an Obama veto threat.

In 2017, a newly elected President Trump stated: "In order to protect Americans, the United States must ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward it and its founding principles. The United States cannot, and should not, admit those who do not support the Constitution or those who would place violent ideologies over American law."

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"In addition, the United States should not admit those who engage in acts of bigotry or hatred, including 'honor' killings, other forms of violence against women, or the persecution of those who practice religions different from their own."

As expected, socialist Democrats and their fake news media allies reacted by calling President Trump names rather than supporting policies that save American lives.

For example, House Speaker NANCY PELOSI said: "This week, I joined my colleagues on the steps of the Supreme Court to fight the President's reprehensible order. . . . The values illustrated were in stark contrast with the President's unconstitutional, immoral, and dangerous ban on refugees and citizens of Muslim countries coming into the United States."

Predictably, a radical, leftist judge restrained President Trump from protecting American lives. Fortunately, a later President Trump refugee and travel policy was approved by the Supreme Court as "squarely within the scope of Presidential authority."

As would be expected, this decision was ridiculed with hysterical headlines from the left. NBC News stated, "The Supreme Court's travel ban decision adds to its legacy of legitimizing racism."

Protecting Americans from terrorism is "reprehensible," "immoral," "racism"? This is all ignorant and baseless socialist Democrat and fake news media slander intended to stifle rational debate.

But truth eventually wins out. Recently, an unvetted so-called Syrian

refugee who entered America 3 years ago was charged with terrorism. According to an affidavit filed in Pittsburgh Federal court, the FBI investigation of Mustafa Mousab Alowemer “revealed that Alowemer plotted to bomb a church located on the north side of Pittsburgh . . . using a weapon of mass destruction, i.e., an explosive device.”

According to Alowemer, his motivation to detonate a device at the church was to “support the cause of ISIS and to inspire other ISIS supporters in the United States to join together and commit similar acts in the name of ISIS.”

Fortunately, the FBI stopped Alowemer from blowing up a church and slaughtering innocent American Christians. Unfortunately, American lives are still at risk from terrorists masquerading as refugees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: How many dead Americans does it take to cause open-border advocates to secure our borders and protect American lives?

Unfortunately, no one knows because socialist Democrats have shown there is no amount of American blood on their hands that will cause them to protect American lives by securing America’s borders.

RECOGNIZING ROSE MARIE STRIPPOLI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rose Marie Strippoli, an accomplished artist from Bristol, Pennsylvania.

In addition to receiving numerous awards throughout her career, her most recent acrylic painting titled “The Passage” was recognized as best in show at the 70th Tinicum Arts Festival last week. Her abstract painting, combining vibrant colors with masterful strokes, stood out amongst submissions from more than 180 artists at the festival.

In addition to her artistic excellence and success, she has tirelessly advocated for local artists in the Bucks County area. One of her most notable accomplishments was her work to establish an exhibit at the Lower Bucks Campus of the Bucks County Community College featuring a rotation of pieces from local artists. The exhibit opened in 2015 and has highlighted many up-and-coming local artists since that time.

Her constant drive to better herself as a person and as an artist earned her a spot in the Centre for the Arts Hall of Fame in Bristol in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rose Marie on her accomplished career and extend to her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Her work has improved opportunities for young artists in our community, for which we owe her many thanks.

COMMENDING THE LIFESAVING ACTIONS OF POLICE OFFICER RYAN BUNDA

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the brave and lifesaving actions of Police Officer Ryan Bunda of the Warminster Township Police Department.

On July 11, 2019, Officer Bunda observed a white pickup truck rolling slowly down a busy roadway in his patrol area. Officer Bunda, in an act of incredible bravery and initiative, ran alongside the truck, opened the door, and used his hand to press the brake, bringing the vehicle to a halt.

The driver of the truck was suffering from a seizure, and Officer Bunda, with the help of a local firefighter who was passing on the other side of the road, removed the victim from the vehicle and administered lifesaving first aid on the side of the road.

With the help of this firefighter and the additional medical assistance of EMTs, who arrived shortly after, Officer Bunda saved the driver from life-altering harm or death, as well as protecting the safety of other drivers on the roadway.

This act of bravery on behalf of Officer Bunda serves as a reminder of the debt of gratitude we owe to the incredibly brave and selfless public servants in law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Officer Bunda for his brave actions and his career of service, and I extend thanks to all first responders and law enforcement officials across Bucks County and across our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF TROY M. PEREIRA

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life and memory of Troy Pereira of Falls Township, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Pennsbury High School and a gifted student-athlete.

Troy held a career as a warehouse logistics specialist for H&M in Burlington, New Jersey.

Troy participated in community sports programs, such as the Morrisville Babe Ruth baseball team and the Morrisville Bulldog team. He was also a member of the championship Pennsbury men’s volleyball team, which qualified for the State volleyball championship in 2013.

Athletics aside, Troy is remembered as a generous and kind soul who was deeply loved by all who met him. My heart goes out to his parents, Matthew A. Pereira and Kathleen Holder Hirko, and her husband, Jeffrey Hirko; his brother, Kyle Pereira; and his sister, Chelsea Pereira.

Troy’s life was taken from us too soon. In the short time he was with us, Troy was a leading example of the importance of community engagement. May he now enjoy his eternal reward for a life he spent serving others.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SPANO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing.

Fifty years ago, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins launched from Florida’s coast at Kennedy Space Center with the goal of being the first to step foot on the Moon.

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong accomplished what was only a short time prior believed to be impossible. He became the first man to set foot on the Moon, uttering the famous words, “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

Those words ring through history, but it is important that we also recognize the hundreds of scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and support staff who worked tirelessly to ensure mission success but do not receive the public recognition that they deserve for their contributions.

One example of this is Susan Finley. She began her career as a computer programmer at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and wrote software for the Deep Space Network. That software made it possible to hear the transmissions from the Moon that showed the world what was possible when the United States committed to achieving the impossible.

I am also incredibly proud that 50 years after this accomplishment, Florida remains at the forefront of space exploration. Today, the new crew capsules designed to launch American astronauts into space are being built, and I hope that by the end of this year, in which we are celebrating the first Moon landing, we will again see American astronauts climb into American-built capsules and launch into space from Florida’s shores.

We have relied on Russian spacecraft for too long, and this will inspire a new generation of American children to develop a passion for exploration and to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, just as the Apollo program did 50 years ago when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first to set foot on the Moon.

President George Bush said: “Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn into unknown lands and across the open sea. We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit. So let us continue the journey.”

CONGRATULATING MICHAELA MCLEAN, MISS FLORIDA 2019

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michaela McLean on her crowning achievement of being named Miss Florida 2019.

Michaela, a graduate of East Ridge High School in Clermont, Florida, and