

since the report was presented to Congress.

And still I rise, with a very special message, however. I want people to know that there is more than hope. I rise today to say that there will be an impeachment. The President will be impeached.

Some things bear repeating.

The President will be impeached. There will be a vote taken sometime this week, I am told, for the Judiciary Committee to make some sort of official announcement.

I rise to say that the President will be impeached, in spite of some and because of others.

I rise today to say that he will be impeached because the hands of history are piloting his ship of fate. And I believe that history will not allow us, the Members of this august body, to allow the President to be above the law. I believe that if we fail to do so, it would make Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution meaningless. It would have no application to the term that we quite often use, “no person is above the law.” We would then have to say: No person is above the law, saving at least one person.

Article II, Section 4, if it is to have meaning, means that the President will be impeached. So I rise to stand here on the floor of the House and announce that it will happen.

But there is one question that is outstanding, and that is whether the bigotry emanating from the Presidency is going to be a part of that impeachment.

I believe that if the radical Republicans in 1868 could impeach Andrew Johnson, who was the bigot of his time, if they could impeach Andrew Johnson, it seems to me we ought to be able to impeach this President for bigotry emanating from the Presidency as well.

Andrew Johnson was opposed to the Freedmen’s Bureau. He fought the notion that the persons who had been freed should have the same liberties that other in this country enjoyed, and he was impeached. Republicans did it. Radical Republicans did it.

I believe that we ought to have the same standard today that we had in 1868, and if we should, I believe that there will be an impeachment. So I am announcing today that there will be an impeachment.

One final point. After the vote, whenever it takes place in the Judiciary Committee, I will have some additional special statements to make, but I am reserving them for after the vote.

I love my country. Democracy hangs in the balance. Liberty and justice for all must prevail. And if it is to prevail, there must be and will be an impeachment. The hands of history are piloting the ship of fate.

And still I rise.

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

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, no American will ever forget what happened to us, to our Nation, 18 years ago. We remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we watched the tragedy of September 11 unfold.

But we also recount how, in the midst of fear and uncertainty, so many Americans acted as heroes and gave of themselves for the sake of their country and their city to help their fellow human beings.

The darkness of that day did not prevail. An attack meant to bring us to our knees instead brought us together and prompted a generation of protectors—airmen, soldiers, sailors, Coast Guard, and marines—to rise up in defense of freedom and in pursuit of peace.

As we commemorate the tragedy of September 11, we pray for the families of the fallen in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania; we give thanks for the bravery of first responders who ran toward the burning buildings and away from safety; we honor the men and women whose last moments were committed to love of country and their fellow human beings; and we pray for the safety of those men and women still deployed throughout the world on the mission that began that day.

While we hope never again to endure the suffering that day brought, it continues to inspire all of us to be selfless for the greater good of our country which unites us all.

I commend the communities in North Carolina’s Fifth District and around the country who are commemorating 9/11 and taking up service projects in remembrance of September 11 on what has become our National Day of Service.

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RICHARD STAYSKAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant First Class Richard Stayskal and to tell Rich how much I admire his bravery and his service to our country.

Rich has been in D.C. since yesterday, talking to Members of the Senate about the critical need to address the injustice of the Feres doctrine. Today, he has joined us in the gallery.

This will likely be his last trip to Washington, D.C. That is because this father, this husband, this marine and Army Green Beret has end-stage lung cancer, a cancer that Army medical staff failed to alert him to despite find-

ing the tumor on scans. The cancer grew at a deadly pace, untreated and undiagnosed, until he went to a private practice doctor in 2017. By then, it was stage IV, and his prognosis was terminal.

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Despite this devastating development, Rich continued his service overseas and at home in good times and bad until not long ago and just shy of his 20-year milestone for full retirement. He also fought this tragedy as a true soldier and tackled the very thing that has left him and his family most vulnerable: The Feres doctrine.

The Feres doctrine is an outdated judicial ruling that bars active duty servicemembers from suing the government for medical malpractice. These are not in combat situations. These are cases that happen here at home at medical facilities on Army bases and other services. There has never been a bill, there has never been a hearing, a vote in Congress, but that is the Feres doctrine, and that has been what has been the law of the land for 70 years.

Servicemembers’ spouses and families, civilian Federal employees, and even convicted prisoners have the right to sue for negligence, but not our servicemembers. Only Rich and our brave military servicemembers are denied this right by the Feres doctrine. That means that Rich, his family, and other servicemembers and their families have been denied justice in their greatest hour of need. It also means there are no consequences for botched procedures and few incentives for the military’s medical providers to improve care.

In this fight to achieve justice for his family and spare others what they have endured, Rich has met with Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate. He testified before the Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee, which I chair. The media has taken notice. The House has taken notice. The NDAA has addressed it in the House. The question is: Will the Senate?

At a time when Rich should be able to spend his remaining days with those he loves, he has answered the call to fight. Rich, as I promised you when you testified before the committee, we will never forget your commitment, your honor, and sacrifice, and I will keep fighting to fix Feres as long as it takes.

Congress is responsible for allowing Feres to stand for 70 years, but we can correct this failure, and we can do it now. The House-passed NDAA contains the Sergeant First Class Richard Stayskal Act of 2019. It would create an exemption that would finally give servicemembers and their families the right to sue the government for medical malpractice in noncombat settings.

The ball is now in the Senate’s court where it seems Senator McCONNELL would rather help corporations than

our brave servicemembers. I hope he will make an exception for doing the right thing and for Rich, because Rich deserves to know that after all his years of coming through for this country when it really counted this country will come through for him. Rich deserves to know that his efforts, his life, his sacrifice matter because he made life better for those who will come after him. And Rich deserves to know that when his time comes his wife Megan and their two young daughters will not be left alone. They, like so many military families, have sacrificed so much so that we may sleep at night. They have forfeited unknown years of happiness with a father and husband that they would move heaven and earth to keep with them.

In honor of Rich and his family and all those who serve, I implore the Senate to join the House and pass the Sergeant First Class Richard Stayskal Act of 2019.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to avoid referencing occupants of the gallery.

CONGRATULATING FATHER COLUMBA STEWART

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

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Father Columba Stewart for being named the 2019 Jefferson Lecturer in the Humanities by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

During my time in Congress I have had the honor of meeting with Father Columba Stewart in his role as the executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John's University in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District.

During these meetings I learned about his work rescuing religious heritage from sites across the world and the incredible mission he has carried out to preserve the religious art, literature, and cultural artifacts for the preservation of our shared history.

Father Stewart's work has taken him to war-torn countries, which earned him the moniker "the monk who saves manuscripts from ISIS" by The Atlantic magazine. He has dedicated the last 15 years to finding and preserving the important religious documentation that built our world history.

Thank you, Father Columba for all your great work and congratulations.

RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA RECOVERY CONNECTION

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minnesota Recovery Connection. September is National Recovery Month, but all year long they strive to support care and provide the resources needed for individuals to find freedom from addiction and remain in long-term recovery.

Minnesota Recovery Connection's mission is to strengthen the recovery community through peer-to-peer sup-

port, public education, and advocacy. They work to eliminate the stigma that prevents treatment, and this month it is important to remind everyone that recovery is possible.

Every year Minnesota Recovery Connection hosts Walk for Recovery, which is an important event to bring people together from all over the State to celebrate long-term recovery. It is the largest all-recovery gathering in Minnesota.

Minnesota Recovery Connection, thank you for the work you do to support long-term recovery for individuals struggling with addiction. Thank you for being there for everyone in our community and for bringing people together to celebrate recovery.

RECOGNIZING AMANDA LAWRENCE

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amanda Lawrence of St. Cloud, Minnesota. This year at the age of 22, and after only 3 years of training, she has earned the coveted title of Champion of Champions from the International Powerlifting Federation.

During her debut at the 2019 World Classic Powerlifting Championship in Helsingborg, Sweden, she broke world records for the squat and deadlift. Amanda's discipline and commitment to train and compete make her a champion. We understand that Amanda is on her way to the U.S.A. Powerlifting Raw Nationals on October 19 in Lombard, Chicago.

Good luck in Chicago, Amanda. You have made your community so proud already.

RECOGNIZING BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHANNA CLYBORNE

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brigadier General Johanna Clyborne for earning the rank of major general and becoming the first female two-star general in Minnesota's National Guard.

For 30 years, Brigadier General Clyborne has risen through the ranks and served her country with distinction. Incredibly, she did this while having a family, earning a law degree, and becoming a successful attorney. The example she has set for other women in the military and beyond is a legacy to be proud of. I was honored to have Brigadier General Clyborne participate on a panel for our annual Young Women in Leadership Program for high school students in Minnesota. Her leadership and life experience inspired not only the participants, but me and my staff, as well.

Congratulations Brigadier General Clyborne on your outstanding achievement. Thank you for your decades of service to our Nation and thanks for being such a great role model for young women. We are lucky to have individuals like you devoted to the safety and security of our Nation.

RECOGNIZING KATHY COLES

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathy Coles of Otsego, Minnesota. Kathy recently

earned her eighth degree dan black belt in Song Moo Kwan tae kwon do, which makes her the first female grand master in the world after nearly 38 years in martial arts.

This is an amazing achievement, especially considering the perseverance required. Each increased degree in black belt rank takes roughly the same number of years to achieve. For example, a second degree would take approximately 2 years, a third degree 3 years. Kathy plans to test for and earn her ninth degree, which should take about 8½ years.

Congratulations, Kathy, on doing what no other woman has done, and good luck on earning your ninth degree dan black belt.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR DICK CHURCH

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

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and congratulate my good friend, Miamisburg Mayor Dick Church on his retirement. Dick Church has faithfully served the city of Miamisburg as mayor since 1992 and as a Miamisburg city councilman for 4 years prior to that. Dick Church is the longest serving mayor in Miamisburg's history.

Mayor Church has transformed Miamisburg into an economic powerhouse, a thriving downtown, and a safe and stable neighborhood. In addition, his legacy has been the cleanup of a former U.S. Department of Energy Cold War era defense production and deep space energy site in his community known as Mound Laboratories.

Mayor Church has worked to make the Mound facility viable for businesses again continuing the facility's legacy and southwest Ohio's spirit of innovation. The Mound Business Park is now home to 15 businesses that conduct important research and development. The Mound Business Park's development could not have come to fruition without Dick Church's crucial work.

Dick Church has been a hands-on mayor. In many communities almost everyone can say they know the mayor. In Miamisburg, the mayor can say he practically knows everyone. Congratulations, Dick Church, on an incredible career as mayor.

SUPPORTING INDIANA'S NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support for the Army National Guard's proposal to station a cyber battalion at Atterbury-Muscatatuck in Indiana's Sixth District.

The Indiana National Guard's existing capabilities, programs, and infrastructures make the Hoosier State an