

Today, I ask my colleagues from across our country to join me in recognizing and honoring the service, sacrifices, and everyday heroism of these first responders.

Mr. Speaker, before our Nation, I want to thank them for everything they have done. They are the pride of our community.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Native American History Month and the contributions of Native Americans in my congressional district in central Washington.

With 29 Federally recognized tribes across the State, Washingtonians live alongside Native Americans who serve our communities through entrepreneurship, military service, and sharing their rich and storied cultural history. They are our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers.

While we recognize that one month out of the year to remember the historical and cultural contributions of our Native friends, we must support them as they face a crisis that has affected Native women for decades. That crisis is of missing and murdered indigenous women.

In Washington, Native Americans make up about 2 percent of the population, but indigenous women account for 7 percent of the State's reported missing women. This includes 31 open cases on or near the Yakama Nation Reservation.

During Native American History Month, I challenge this body to honor the heritage of our Native friends by taking up legislation that will help ensure that missing and murdered loved ones are not part of the history of another generation of Native women.

#### THANKING CONGRESSMAN HOYER

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise.

I rise today for a very special purpose. I rise because this House on Monday passed H.R. 3702, the Reforming Disaster Recovery Act of 2019.

I rise today, because in thanking people on Tuesday, I neglected to thank one person who was extremely important in the passage of this legislation. The majority leader Mr. HOYER not only worked to help us bring the legislation to the floor, Mr. HOYER also improved the legislation. When it left our committee, it was a good bill. It had the unanimous consent of the committee.

Some things bear repeating. One hundred percent of the people on the Fi-

nancial Services Committee supported this legislation.

Mr. HOYER helped us by infusing it with some additional language that deals with resiliency that will help us to rebuild better and stronger after there has been a disaster.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. HOYER for his leadership. Especially he is thanked for making a good bill a much better bill.

#### HIGHLIGHTING THE 7-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KHALIL MAATOUK

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the 7-year anniversary of Christian human rights lawyer Khalil Maatouk's unconscionable disappearance at the hands of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad.

The regime abducted Maatouk because he had been relentlessly defending Syrian democratic activists. He was last seen on October 2 of 2012.

Khalil Maatouk's ordeal serves as a stark reminder of the Assad regime's barbaric assault on religious and Christian heritage, blatantly violating international humanitarian law. According to a September report from the Syrian Network for Human Rights, the regime is responsible for targeting 61 percent of churches throughout the country.

The United States demands the immediate release of Khalil Maatouk, and I urge the administration to prioritize this case. We must stand up for those who fight for freedom, especially freedom of religion.

#### RECOGNIZING THE TAINOS AND CARIBS DURING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, November is Native American Heritage Month, and I would like to share with you a story, one unknown to most Americans, but one that Virgin Islanders learn at a young age. It is the Caribbean story of Europe's drive for conquest and the resistance of the Native Americans of the Virgin Islands, the Tainos and the Caribs.

In 1493, Columbus and his men landed on Ayay, known now as Saint Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. There they met a group of Taino people who had been taken captive by the Caribs. While en route back to their ship with these captives, Columbus' men encountered the fierce Carib villagers, and the first recorded violent conflict between Europeans and Native Americans of the Western Hemisphere ensued, killing one of Columbus' men.

Men and women fought with bows and canoes against gunpowder on ships.

It is our story of Native pride of resistance, of remembering what is yours.

However, the Taino and Carib peoples have left us with so much more. When you use such words as barbecue, guava, canoe, hurricane, potato, maze, savannah, you are connecting with indigenous people who centuries ago journeyed from South America to settle in the archipelago that has given, and continues to give, much to this country and the world.

#### A STEPPING STONE FOR PEACE IN KASHMIR

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to share the facts and give an update on what is happening in the Jammu Kashmir region. Jammu Kashmir was given special treatment in the Constitution of 1947 in India. It was created by the "Temporary Provisions with Respect to the State of Jammu Kashmir." It is known as article 370.

It was supposed to be a stop-gap measure because the government had not been formed yet. For 70 straight years, this temporary article has forced citizens of Jammu Kashmir to live under different laws than all other Indians; different rules for citizenship, property ownership.

Earlier this year, the Indian Parliament confirmed that article 370's temporary status should end. It ended. It gave the people of Jammu Kashmir the same rights as all Indians. It was a landslide, 125-to-61 in the Rajya Sabha and 370-to-70 in the Lok Sabha. This action is solely about equality for all Indians.

Hopefully, this can be a step toward peace in Kashmir.

#### IN FAVOR OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

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

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of the American Dream; in favor of the bedrock of what has made America: capitalism.

Yesterday, while every cable news channel was transfixed by the Intelligence Committee, the Financial Services Committee was discussing a bill that strikes at the heart of American capitalism.

H.R. 3848, the companion legislation to Senator ELIZABETH WARREN's Stop Wall Street Looting Act, would add regulatory costs and harm job creators. It has a pithy title that is, unfortunately, misleading in purpose. I prefer to call it the stop entrepreneurship act.

This bill would curb private investments in Main Street companies, which would kill jobs, stifle innovation, harm consumers, and strike a major blow to the hallmark of capitalism.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, even a modest scenario would result in the loss of 6.2 million to 24.3 million jobs across the country. As a small business owner who benefited from private equity when growing my business, I know the value of these types of organizations that provide support and really give a way forward for companies trying to grow.

**BRINGING ATTENTION TO HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS DURING NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS WEEK**

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, each year during the week prior to Thanksgiving, communities across the country come together to bring awareness to the problems of hunger and homelessness.

Today, I want to recognize the Collin County organizations that work to end hunger and homelessness throughout our community.

Today, there are 42 million Americans facing hunger on any given night, and more than 194,000 people will sleep on the street.

While these numbers are sobering, we are incredibly grateful for those in our community who work to ease the suffering of others, organizations such as the Collin County Homeless Coalition, the Family Promise of Collin County, North Texas Food Bank, Minnie's Food Pantry, and Hope's Door New Beginning Center, Allen Community Outreach, and many, many others who work year-round to take care of those less fortunate.

Through these organizations, volunteers, businesses, and faith communities come together to provide necessities like shelter and nutritious meals. They go above and beyond to ensure those in need have access to basic medical care and hygiene products and even provide training and placement resources for those struggling with homelessness.

**PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF CONGRESS SPENDING TAX DOLLARS ON A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED IMPEACHMENT CHARADE**

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, yesterday's public impeachment hearings produced some noteworthy facts. Representative MIKE TURNER's question of Ambassador Volker took apart the Democrats' entire case. Volker confirmed that President Trump never said that Ukraine must investigate the Bidens in order to receive defense aid from the United States.

Further, Representative ELISE STEFANK's questioning of Tim Morri-

son showed there was no quid pro quo, no bribery, no extortion, and no mention of withholding aid in exchange for investigating the Bidens.

Witnesses have repeatedly stated that no quid pro quo, no bribery took place. These facts, which indeed clear our President, do not change. Meanwhile, President Trump continues to be denied basic due process rights.

Democrat leadership continues to put politics before the people obsessing over impeachment and refusing to work on policies that would actually benefit the American people: ratifying the USMCA, permanently extending the 2017 tax cuts for families, and lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

The people are tired of this Congress spending their tax dollars on a politically-motivated impeachment charade.

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**WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT CANCER**

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, an important time for us to highlight the need for more research and better community awareness on this disease.

The statistics surrounding lung cancer are astounding. Approximately 541,000 Americans living today have been diagnosed with lung cancer at some point in their lives. While the rate of new lung cancer cases over the past 4 decades has dropped 36 percent for men, it has risen 84 percent for women.

That is why I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 2222, the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act. This bill would evaluate and identify opportunities for more research, preventive services, and public awareness campaigns.

Research shows that there is a disparate impact of lung cancer on women, especially women who have never smoked. More research is needed to understand why this is happening and what can be done to stop it.

Preventing cancer should never be a partisan issue. We should be working together to combat the scourge of cancer for the benefit of patients, families, and survivors. H.R. 2222 is a bipartisan effort that would do just that.

**STOP IMPEACHMENT FOCUS TO DEAL WITH BORDER**

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I stand first of all to thank President Trump for the work he has done at the border and for something that has been almost unpublicized since the mainstream media is busy focusing solely on impeachment.

In May of this year, over 100,000 people were processed at the border and placed in the United States. In September, that number has fallen to under 1,000, solely because of the efforts of President Trump to keep people who come to this country seeking asylum south of the border and because of agreements reached in countries in northern Central America.

However, we must ask this body to stop solely focusing on impeachment and deal with the southern border, making permanent the policy changes of President Trump. My fear is that if President Trump ever leaves, then the real motivation of this impeachment hearing will become apparent, and that is to return to the days of open borders.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. WILD) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 20, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 20, 2019, at 10:39 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1838.

That the Senate passed S. 2710.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4258.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1309, WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS ACT; PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2019, THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 2019; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 713 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 713

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1309) to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against