

South Park High School family and the legacy she has left for others to follow in school and in the community. Her spirit, steady leadership and unwavering belief in the value of “doing your life’s work where you live,” is her legacy and an example for others to follow. I look forward to years of continued friendship and wish Terri much happiness and fulfillment in her retirement. I have no doubt that she will find that and more with her loving family and friends in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TASK FORCE AND OMAR HOSSINO

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to serve as the Chairman of the Republican Study Committee’s National Security and Foreign Affairs Task Force this Congress. In June, the Task Force issued its National Security Strategy report after convening a number of meetings with top policy experts and engaging in complex discussions on the foreign policy challenges we face. The RSC’s National Security Strategy spans over 120 pages and includes over 100 detailed policy recommendations on tackling the Chinese Communist Party, Russia, Iran, and the Salafijihadi movement, and for standing up for democracy and human rights. The report boldly stood up for a foreign policy of American leadership through the principle of peace through strength. It was also noticed and condemned by adversaries such as the Chinese Communist Party, the Kremlin, and the Chief of Staff of the President of the Iranian regime. In only a few months a number of the report’s ideas have already been implemented by the Trump Administration, or have been introduced as legislation. For example just last week Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the United Front Work Department of the Chinese Communist Party would be sanctioned, something first proposed by the RSC Task Force report. This month also, RSC members introduced six bills taking on China for its IP theft, Rep. JACK BERGMAN introduced a bill to audit U.S. contributions to the United Nations, and I was grateful to introduce the Badr Organization Designation Act, and the Stop the Killing in Syria Act, both based upon the National Security Strategy report.

I am grateful for the leadership of my colleagues on the Task Force including RSC Chairman Rep. MIKE JOHNSON, Rep. ROB WHITMAN, Rep. DON BACON, Rep. ANN WAGNER, Rep. DAN CRENSHAW, Rep. RALPH NORMAN, Rep. BRYAN STEIL, Rep. ALEX MOONEY, Rep. JACK BERGMAN, Rep. NEAL DUNN, Rep. CLAY HIGGINS, and Rep. MICHAEL WALTZ.

I appreciate the hard work of Omar Hossino of the RSC staff in managing the Task Force’s meetings, developing policy recommendations, and writing the report. I am grateful for Omar Hossino’s dedication and service to the Task Force. Omar Hossino has been a key advisor and invaluable asset on foreign policy issues

not only to members of the Task Force but also to the broader RSC. His vast knowledge of the intricacies of both complex foreign policy issues as well as the intricacies of legislation, especially economic sanctions has been invaluable to me and Task Force members. Omar Hossino’s passion and tireless work ethic has also been a driving force behind turning the report into legislative initiatives. Finally, I would like to recognize my Legislative Director Oren Adaki of my staff for his deep dedication and important contributions to this project as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 247—H.J. Res. 107, Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 YAY.

HONORING JUDITH PAXTON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Judith Junkin Brown Paxton of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on December 7, 2020 at the age of 90. She was a pillar of the Salem community who served her fellow citizens as a volunteer and good neighbor.

Judy Brown was born on September 9, 1930 in Roanoke, Virginia, to Elijah Brazelton Brown and Martha Judith Junkin Brown. She graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1948.

Her family, church, and community were the objects of her activity and energy. As a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, she sang in the choir for 70 years, directed the children’s choir, served on the Vestry, read to the children at St. Anne’s Day School, and performed numerous other services for the congregation. She also volunteered at the office for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia. Her compassion and faith inspired her work as a coordinator for the St. Paul’s volunteers who serve lunches for the Roanoke Area Ministries.

As her friends and neighbors, the people of Salem enjoyed Judy’s goodwill and hospitality. She cooked chili for the crews of the Street Department as they cleared snow, organized decorating of lampposts for Christmas, and put up flags for Independence Day. From progressive dinners to bridge games, the activities of Salem were brightened by Judy’s friendliness and generosity.

Judy was married to the late William Joseph Paxton Jr., who served as Salem’s City Manager. She is survived by sons W. David Paxton and his wife Vicki of Roanoke, Joseph Paxton and his wife Annette of Broadway, Virginia, and James Paxton and his wife Hilda of Salem; daughter Martha Paxton Nowlin and

her husband Melvin of Big Island, Virginia; brother William O’Brien and his wife Ellie of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and sister-in-law June Newman Paxton of Roanoke. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and their spouses Corey (Danielle) Paxton, Traci (Matt) Rowe, Jessica (Scott) Mackaro, Katie (Marc) Palmieri, Jennifer Paxton, Sara (Greg) Hall, William (Brittany) Paxton, Theresa (Michael) Peregooff, Kimberly (Lacy) Burnette, and Robert (Courtney) Paxton, as well as ten great-grandchildren, Hannah, Shiloah, Norah, Paige Judith, Tyler, Victoria, Evelyn, Ava, Anna Grace, and Joey.

HONORING CHEN LOK LEE

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an influential and dedicated man, Chen Lok Lee. Mr. Lee was a devoted educator and prominent printmaker and painter based in Philadelphia, PA. For over twenty years, he was a Professor of Printmaking, Silkscreen and Lithography at Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, which is the first and only visual arts college for women in the United States. Additionally, he taught Chinese calligraphy and painting classes to the community through the Community College of Philadelphia and other private venues.

Mr. Lee was a political refugee from China who escaped narrowly with his life from communist forces in 1950 and was forced to leave his family behind. When his life was in jeopardy, his family helped him escape, and he swam towards Hong Kong and was rescued by a boat and eventually taken to the shores of Hong Kong. He stayed in Hong Kong for eight years, studying at the prestigious Hong Kong University, and then went on to enter the United States as a political refugee in 1959. He settled in New York City’s Chinatown and worked his way through the Chinese restaurant business to support himself as a burgeoning artist and to learn enough English to establish footing in his new country. He also began to study under some very prominent and contemporary artists. While at the Arts Students’ League in New York, he worked with George Grosz, Stephen Greene and Robert Hale, along with New York painter Hans Hoffman.

From 1967 to 1970 Chen Lok Lee studied abroad at the Rome Academy in Italy and earned an MFA at the Tyler School of Fine Arts as a printmaker, painter and lithography under Romas Viesulas and Richard Callner. In 1973, he was awarded a prestigious fellowship from the Ford Foundation to study at Tamarind Lithographies in New Mexico. He was recognized at an international exhibition in Hong Kong, as invited by Her Majesty’s Service in 1982. In his new adopted hometown of Philadelphia, he was selected to participate in the Mayor’s Commission for Cultural Exchange between Philadelphia and sister city Tianjin, China, from 1986 to 1987.

Mr. Lee was a loyal and dedicated husband to Linda, whom he met while studying in Rome. Linda, also an artist and educator, brought Chen home to her family in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and then married him

in 1973. They moved to New Mexico, and then Chicago, before settling back in Pennsylvania where Professor Lee was hired at Moore College of Art and Design.

He was the loving and devoted father to Romana (Cliff), whom they named after the city of Rome where he and Linda first met, son Raymond, and doting grandfather of Hanalee, a naturally talented artist. He raised his children with every devotion and detail, ensuring they had resources, support, guidance and care to grow up well. He sacrificed much to give them a good life and the promise of futures they would be proud of. He was very proud of them all.

Chen Lok Lee passed away on December 13, 2020. Professor Lee leaves behind a legacy of strength, courage, honor and devotion, and touched the lives of all who knew and loved him.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia I extend gratitude to the late Chen Lok Lee for his dedicated support and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORING LIEUTENANT VEDA FLEETON

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Veda Fleeton of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for her 25 years of service. The calling to be a peace officer is one of the highest vocations of public service. An individual who accepts this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor from their community, the State, and our nation.

Lieutenant Fleeton's career with the California Highway Patrol began on November 6, 1995, and after successfully completing her Academy training, she reported to the East Los Angeles Area as a CHP officer. She was later assigned to the Southern Division, where she excelled in connecting with the public in her many roles. As part of the Southern Division Recruitment Unit, she was dedicated to recruiting the best candidates to protect and serve our communities. While at Southern Division, she also contributed to the Public Information Unit through her interactions with the news media and to numerous Dignitary Protection details where she provided security for top-level dignitaries from around the world. Lieutenant Fleeton also dedicated her time and skills to the Southern Division Background Investigative Unit, a temporary assignment that occurred during her road patrol tenure at Baldwin Park that began in 2003. Within this unit, Lieutenant Fleeton conducted thorough and comprehensive backgrounds for hundreds of applicants who were later chosen to begin their careers with the State highway patrol. Because of her deep engagement with the community in these assignments, Lieutenant Fleeton received multiple accolades for her hard work.

Lieutenant Fleeton was promoted to Sergeant on August 1, 2007 and was assigned to the Morongo Basin Area, later transferring to Rancho Cucamonga Area. As Sergeant, she focused on providing her field officers with in-

valuable direction and guidance. On July 1, 2013, Lieutenant Fleeton was promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs Area for two years before transferring to the San Gorgonio Area. In March 2016, Lieutenant Fleeton was appointed Lieutenant Commander of the CHP's Inland Communications Center in Fontana, where she provided unwavering leadership and guidance to over 75 dispatch and Transportation Management Center (TMC) personnel, including the Riverside and San Bernardino County Freeway Service Patrol programs. Lieutenant Fleeton's unequivocal passion to mentor and develop field officers shined throughout all these roles.

Lieutenant Fleeton officially retired from her service with California Highway Patrol on November 17, 2020. For her remarkable accomplishments and 25 years of commitment to public service as a peace officer in the greater Inland Empire, it is my honor to recognize Lieutenant Veda Fleeton on this day.

HONORING KATHRIN (KATE) SEARS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kathrin (Kate) Sears for her outstanding career in public service as Marin County's District 3 Supervisor.

Kate has been a resident of Southern Marin for most of her life, and it is the place where she developed the principled values that have guided her private and public careers.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Asian studies at Carleton College in Minnesota, a master's degree in Chinese studies at the University of Washington, a doctorate in political science from the University of Michigan, and a law degree from Harvard University. In 2005, after working as an attorney in a private practice for 16 years, Kate joined the Consumer Law Section of the California Attorney General's Office. In 2011 Governor Jerry Brown appointed Kate to the Marin County Board of Supervisors after the heartbreaking death of Charles McGlashan. She was reelected in 2012 and 2016.

Throughout her tenure on the Board of Supervisors, Kate represented the residents of Marin, its renowned public lands and the environment with passion and skill. She worked to improve public transportation, strengthen services for older adults, and increase affordable housing opportunities. Kate has helped to plan and implement key Marin initiatives including Bay WAVE and Drawdown: Marin. As Chair of Marin Clean Energy, Kate worked to develop energy efficiency programs and expanded electric vehicle charging stations in Marin.

From Angel Island to Muir Woods, Kate has also fought for Marin's parks and open spaces. I am proud to have worked with her to find compromise in resolving community issues, including through the Muir Woods Parking Reservation System.

Kate is a champion for the people and places of Marin County and leaves an appreciable legacy as she retires from the Board of Supervisors. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring Kate for an accomplished tenure, and extend to her best wishes in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 248.

REINTRODUCTION OF H.R. 8768, THE "KEEPING AMERICA'S ENERGY RESOURCES MOVING ACT"

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to echo the words of my Texas friend and colleague, Mr. WEBER, to support the reintroduction of H.R. 768, the "Keeping America's Energy Resources Moving Act". This is vital legislation needed to support a vital industry, the U.S. lightering industry. In turn, this legislation will support our domestic refining industry and its workers and help support U.S. energy security and independence. It is a small technical fix to the law that will allow seafarers aboard lightering vessels to continue to do the vital work they do—import and export crude oil and natural gas to and from our refineries in Texas and the Gulf Coast, Delaware and Southern California. We have bipartisan support for the legislation and the approval of the agencies who will administer and implement this legislation when it becomes law. As my colleague Mr. WEBER has said, we simply ran out of time to move the bill—but we will continue our efforts and press forward in the next Congress. I thank my colleagues for their support of this legislation and look forward to enacting this important technical fix in the next Congress.

HONORING HYNDMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF RONALD ALLEN SPIKER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Hyndman Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ronald Allen Spiker, who passed away on December 1, 2020.

Chief Spiker selflessly served the Hyndman Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years. He also was an EMR for the Hyndman Rescue Squad. For this work, he gained a reputation as a man who was always willing to offer help to anyone who needed it. Chief Spiker also generously invested time in teaching and mentoring younger firefighters.

In addition to his service as fire chief, Chief Spiker was a truck driver for his entire professional life and worked at Croner Inc., New Enterprise Stone and Lime, and Rice Tire. He was also a member of the Kennells Mill Sportsmen's Club and the National Rifle Association.