

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JACQUE CHEVALIER
MOSELY FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND LABOR

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank and pay tribute to Jacqueline "Jacque" Chevalier Mosely, who served the Committee in multiple roles throughout the years and most recently the Education Policy Director for the Committee on Education and Labor.

Jacque came to Capitol Hill more than seven years ago, joining the Committee staff with a focus on students with disabilities and the privacy rights of students in education. Over the years, Jacque expanded her portfolio to lead the Committee's work on K-12 education generally. She quickly distinguished herself with her mastery of education policy, expertly leading negotiations for House Democrats during the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in the 114th Congress. She secured vital changes to the partisan House bill, which initially received zero Democratic votes in the House, to help produce the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Her deft work with her colleagues on ESSA resulted in a reauthorization bill that garnered overwhelming bipartisan support in both Chambers and was signed into law by President Obama in December 2015. Over the next few years, Jacque rose through the ranks on the Committee staff to lead this team of educational policy experts who would work to reauthorize laws including the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act of 1974, and to permanently authorize mandatory funding for HBCUs and other MSIs in the FUTURE Act.

Additionally, Jacque worked closely with her colleagues on the Committee to draft Member legislation to ensure fair wages for individuals with disabilities, led Committee Members' efforts drafting legislation to ensure fair wages for individuals with disabilities, modernize and expand workforce training and development, expand college affordability, improve services for disadvantaged students and youth, increase access to child care for working families, expand child abuse prevention and training services, and bolster enforcement of civil rights laws in education. All the while, Jacque kept a close eye on the Administration, regardless of party, to ensure accountability and equity in the public education system.

Throughout her tenure, Jacque solidified bipartisan and bicameral relationships on the Hill which helped produce policy proposals that advanced the goals of Committee Members and also garnered support across the aisle or in the other chamber. Jacque took to heart the principle outlined in the seminal *Brown v. Board of Education* decision which

struck down de jure segregation in education. In that decision, the Supreme Court noted that "education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments" and that "[s]uch an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms." She dedicated herself to ridding federal education policy of the vestiges of segregation. It is fitting that as she transitions from her public service on the Committee, she is able to claim a final legislative success in working with her colleagues on the Appropriations Committee to remove the odious, nearly 50-year old provisions of education and appropriations law, barring federal funds from being used for busing to achieve racial integration.

Jacque has left no doubt of her commitment to equity in public education, to the institution of the House, and to accountability of government to the public. I wish her great success as she transitions to her next endeavor, which I know will include extra time with her husband, Ben, and her son, Fletcher.

Madam Speaker, I speak for the Committee staff, Ranking Member VIRGINIA FOXX, and all the members of the Committee on Education and Labor in thanking Jacqueline Chevalier Mosely for her service to this House and to the American people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present December 28, 2020 on account of travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 252, and NAY on Roll Call No. 253.

FAREWELL REMARKS

HON. KWANZA HALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today for my final remarks for the 116th Congress.

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind. Many late-night votes and short cat naps before hopping on a plane.

As I pack up my office and say goodbye to new staff and colleagues, I am filled with mixed emotions. Although by most accounts we accomplished far more than anyone expected, there is still much to do, and I wish I had more time to work.

I want to thank the voters of the 5th Congressional District for putting their trust and faith in me to represent the best interests of our district.

It was an absolute honor to be the late and Honorable John Lewis' successor and continue his 30+ years of work.

I extend a special thank you to Speaker PELOSI, Leader HOYER, Congressman CLYBURN, and Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS for extending their friendship and taking me under their wing.

I also want to thank the Georgia delegation of Republicans and Democrats for extending me a warm welcome.

With their help, I was able to introduce multiple pieces of legislation and effectively advocate for our district while in D.C.

Additionally I want to express my deep gratitude to the Clerk of the House, the Parliamentarian and the Sergeant at Arms for their support.

And we certainly were effective.

The expectation many people had was for a few days in active session to simply vote on a basic budget bill.

Instead, we passed significant financial relief for our residents, including direct \$600 stimulus checks, rental assistance, expansion of the PPP for small and minority-owned businesses, additional SNAP and unemployment funding, eviction and foreclosure moratorium extensions and more.

I was also able to introduce six pieces of legislation, cosponsor fourteen bills, and I was able to shine a spotlight on much needed infrastructure projects for the south side of the district.

And in the local district office, we fielded close to 190 inquiries and helped over 140 constituents with issues they were having with federal agencies.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome my successor Congresswoman-elect Nikema Williams.

My team and I have been working throughout the holiday to ensure a smooth transition.

Our residents will continue to be in good hands when she is sworn in on January 3rd and begins serving the district.

May God bless the 5th Congressional District of Georgia.

It has been my greatest honor to serve in Congress and our nation.

EXPRESSING THANKS TO THE
PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN'S THIRD
DISTRICT AND STAFF

HON. JUSTIN AMASH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Mr. AMASH. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank the people of Michigan's Third District for blessing me with the awesome responsibility of representing them in Congress these many years. I also want to thank my staff for their love, dedication, and integrity—for their commitment to the people we represent and to the Constitution.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, due to a preexisting family obligation, I was unable to participate in the votes scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 252, and YEA on Roll Call No. 253.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I was sick in November and missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 219; YEA on Roll Call No. 220; YEA on Roll Call No. 221; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; NAY on Roll Call No. 223; NAY on Roll Call No. 224; NAY on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; and NAY on Roll Call No. 227.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 116TH CONGRESS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the 116th Congress, which was as historic as it was harrowing. These last two years stretched and struck us at our core. At the same time, they inspired us like nothing before. No matter what, every single day, I was proud and grateful for the chance to represent the families of New York's Sixth Congressional District.

Against the backdrop of the most diverse Congress ever, and with a record number of elected women, the 116th Congress commenced in midst of the longest shutdown in the history of our country. The humanitarian crisis at the border crushed our souls. The House of Representatives impeached President Trump for abuse of power and obstruction of justice. The dehumanizing death of George Floyd absolutely shocked our nation. But millions of people—from all walks of life—came together to protest the ongoing systemic racial injustice and police brutality.

And of course, the COVID-19 pandemic has upended every facet of our lives. As of today, there are over 20 million cases in the U.S., and over 350,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19. Earlier in 2020, when New York was at the epicenter of the COVID-19 crisis, my congressional district was the nexus of that epicenter. In fact, my district was the harbinger of what the rest of our nation is fighting right now. Elmhurst Hospital, which is in my district, was hit particularly hard with a surge of patients. It was operating with limited Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and ventilators.

I heard from frontline health care workers, and cried with them, as they feared for their

lives and begged our federal government to provide the necessary PPE. I called on President Trump to activate the Defense Production Act, and the FEMA Administrator to help and prioritize critical resources to our local hospitals and nursing homes. And I secured, delivered, and facilitated PPE donations to union workers and other non-health care workers.

I met with small business owners, especially those in predominantly Asian American neighborhoods, who had been severely impacted by xenophobia—even before the first known COVID-19 cases in New York. I also heard from constituents who are essential workers, many of whom come from our immigrant communities—the janitors, grocers, and transit workers. Even as the pandemic ravaged our city, I was heartened by the strength and perseverance of these constituents who showed up—and continue to show up—every single day to keep New York City safe and running.

Madam Speaker, no matter what, I never lost sight of my sworn duty to uphold and defend the Constitution, and to fight for my constituents.

During the 116th Congress, I was proud to help pass a number of robust legislation on behalf of my constituents and the American people. From lowering health care costs and prescription drug prices to ensuring women receive equal pay for equal work; from curbing the gun violence epidemic by strengthening background checks for gun sales to providing a pathway to citizenship for those who have only known this country, such as the Dreamers or TPS and DED holders—I am proud to have helped pass life-saving and life-enhancing bills. Unfortunately, too many of these bills languished in the Senate; because of Senate Majority Leader MCCONNELL's and Senate Republican's shameful inaction and disregard, these bills never saw the light of day.

This year has been especially challenging as people all over my district and across the country face the excruciating pain, loss, and fear over the health and economic fallout of COVID-19. Furthermore, be it economic, educational, or health, this pandemic has exposed and exacerbated existing disparities, wherein communities of color are the hardest hit.

For Asian Americans, however, they are fighting an additional battle—one against xenophobia. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Asian Americans in my district and across the nation endured demeaning and dangerous acts of hate and bigotry. That is why I introduced H. Res. 908—a resolution condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19. The resolution garnered 157 cosponsors and was endorsed by over 500 organizations from across the country. The Senate companion of my resolution was introduced by now-Vice President-elect KAMALA HARRIS, and Senators DUCKWORTH and HIRONO. I am grateful this legislation passed the House of Representatives, and thankful to my colleagues who bravely voted for this legislation. Passage of this resolution sends a clear signal to the American people that we reject racism, xenophobia, and violence. It also honors the more than 2 million Asian Americans who are fighting on the frontlines of this pandemic.

With regards to COVID-19, I am grateful to have helped deliver three critical and life-saving corona virus relief packages this year. Shamefully, because of Senate Republicans, the third and most recent relief package passed nearly nine months since American

families received any relief from the federal government. It's beyond infuriating that the Senate Republicans kept any relief at bay—even though House Democrats passed COVID-19 relief packages in May and October, both of which would have been more meaningful and impactful. But with cases and deaths surging, millions unemployed, families on the cusp of eviction, and an untold number of families struggling to put food on the table, I had to vote for this package.

As we look to the 117th Congress, we must pass a stronger relief bill—one that truly reflects our values and acknowledges the unprecedented hardships that millions of Americans are facing. We cannot let those who have passed—to have died in vain. The only way we will rise above this crisis is to meet it head on with a comprehensive package that puts American families and workers first.

Madam Speaker, at the start of the 116th Congress, I joined the Homeland Security Subcommittee on the House Appropriations Committee. It has been my honor to serve on this subcommittee, as well as the Commerce, Justice, and Science, and State, Foreign Operations Subcommittees—on behalf of my congressional district and State of New York.

During the 116th Congress, my good friend Representative NITA LOWEY made 'herstory' as she took up the gavel and became the first female chair of the House Appropriations Committee. I will greatly miss Chairwoman LOWEY, as well as my esteemed colleague and chair of our Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee, Chairman SERRANO. I wish them both strength and blessings in their retirement at the end of this 116th Congress.

I am proud that our committee passed all 12 of the spending bills for the Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. Spending bill packages for each fiscal year amounted to \$1.4 trillion—totaling \$2.8 trillion during this 116th Congress. Among the many provisions I was proud to have helped secure, I am especially pleased the two spending packages included \$50 million for federal research at the CDC and NIH into our nation's gun violence epidemic—the first time in over 20 years such funding was allowed. I am also glad the recent Fiscal Year 2021 spending bill includes \$114 billion for SNAP; \$6 billion for WIC; a new \$5 million to develop databases to track excessive use of force and officer misconduct; \$9.24 billion to ensure clean air and water, and hold polluters accountable; \$3.8 billion for opioid prevention and treatment; \$5.9 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant; \$952 million for Senior Nutrition programs; \$789 million for minority serving institutions; \$90 billion for VA medical care, including suicide prevention and outreach, homelessness, and gender-specific care; and \$3.5 billion for Community Development Block Grants, which the President proposed eliminating.

I would also like to take this opportunity to include in the RECORD the following work that became law this Congress on behalf of the people of the Sixth Congressional District of New York:

H.R. 4567, the "FAFSA Translation Act", which requires the Department of Education to translate FAFSA into no fewer than 11 foreign languages, and to make these translated forms available in paper and electronic formats, which appears on Page 2779 in Sec. 483 of Title VII, Division FF of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021."