

I agree that knowing where money is coming from, where it is going, and in whose hand it sits is vital to U.S. national security.

However, I cannot support the text as written as it places significant burden on small businesses. The legislation creates a new regulatory database within Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a law enforcement unit, which most small businesses have never even heard of. And, even more alarming, if they don't comply, they could face a penalty of up to \$10,000 and a prison sentence of up to 3 years.

This could create significant unintended consequences for a large portion of the economy's commerce.

I believe there is a better path forward, which is why I have long supported aligning tax filings with collection of beneficial ownership information—a regulation small businesses already understand.

Furthermore, it is critical to note that the beneficial ownership information is already required and is already being collected. The Customer Due Diligence (CDD) Rule, which took effect in May 2018 requires banks to identify and verify the identity of the beneficial owners of companies opening accounts.

The CDD rule is operational and effective. Why would we upend this regulation, that has been working for over two years, to place unnecessary burdens on our local dry cleaners, our farming community, or the realtor that sold you your house, or any other small business? These are the types of individuals that will have to comply FinCEN, an organization they have never heard of, if this amendment becomes law.

We should be able to find a solution to collect this information that alleviates the bank burden while not subjecting small businesses to unnecessarily complicated reporting requirements.

For these reasons, I cannot support Ms. MALONEY's amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT KENNETH PINCKARD

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Master Gunnery Sergeant Kenneth Pinckard in honor of his retirement from the Marine Corps after 28 faithful and honorable years of service. He spent his career supporting strategic intelligence operations, analyzing the enemy's intentions on the homefront and abroad, thus thwarting multiple enemy attacks and saving countless civilian and military lives in between.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Pinckard, a fearless leader, played an instrumental role in the development and recruitment of Marines coming into the command. All the freedoms we enjoy today are because of these brave men and women in uniform, like Master Gunnery Sergeant Pinckard, who so unselfishly and courageously put their lives in harm's way for their fellow brothers and sisters.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the retirement of this selfless Marine. I wish Master Gunnery Sergeant Pinckard and his family all the peace and blessings as they embark on this next journey together.

CONGRATULATING PRINCIPALS PATRICE BRAND AND ERIN DOTY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Patrice Brand and Erin Doty on being named principals in Lexington-Richland School District Five. Together they bring over 40 years of experience to the school district for the students.

Patrice Brand has served as assistant principal of instruction at the Academy For Success since 2019. Prior to that job, she served as assistant principal at a middle school and a high school in Charlotte, N.C. She replaces Danielle Major-Murphy, who was named the new principal of Irmo Middle School.

Erin Doty previously served as the assistant principal of instruction at Irmo Middle School. She also served as assistant principal at Dutch Fork Middle School from August 2013 to June 2017. Doty replaces Justin Thomas, who was named the district's new coordinator of student information systems.

They have set the standard of excellence in their community through their work, and I wish them the best in their new positions.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

Our country is going through turbulent times.

People are taking to the streets to cry out for real justice and an end to racism that pervades so many institutions in our country, not just the police or criminal justice system.

They are crying out for investments in society; in education, social services, housing, and healthcare.

Over the weekend, we lost one of our true champions for justice and equality, and a true leader a remarkable human being, Congressman John Lewis, who I was privileged to call a friend.

A deadly pandemic has killed over 140,000 Americans in nearly four months, and cases are still surging, setting new records almost daily in the last few weeks. Yet, the President continues to dissemble, disengage, and diminish the threat of this pandemic, despite the advice of our nation's public health experts and the obvious and immediate need for a credible and strong federal response and leadership.

That's what this moment is calling for . . . Leadership. Not more of the same.

But what we have here before us today folks is legislation that won't invest in a single meal for a hungry child, a vaccine for the pandemic, or help for the homeless or those about to lose their homes. Furthermore, the bill, in my opinion, is a retreat by Congress from its power to protect the power of the purse and our war powers.

I recognize and appreciate the work of Chairman SMITH and his committee on this legislation. I know that countless hours of hearings, testimony, and a long markup went into putting together this bill.

However, anyway you slice it, the Pentagon's budget has increased dramatically since September 11, 2001. The war in Afghanistan is the longest conflict in our nation's history and it shows little sign of ending, even with a supposed peace deal in hand.

I support the amendment put forward by Mr. POCAN that would cut the defense budget while still providing for our national defense. The amendment would exempt the Defense Health Programs and Military Personnel Accounts from any cuts.

We cannot continue to mindlessly push forward defense budgets that are out of line with the threats that face our nation or the needs of our country. The U.S. spends more money than any other country on our military, but can any American look around and say with a clear conscience that all that spending has produced more peace, more world stability, or better overall outcomes for Americans, or our global brothers and sisters?

All this treasure we throw at defense is not even helping the military itself, as a series of incidents over the past year has raised concerns about readiness.

In fact, we appear to be spending more and more money on defense, yet our forces are less and less prepared, and it is taking longer and more money to deploy weapons systems.

As noted by a bipartisan group of House members nearly a decade ago, "We know the United States can maintain the best fighting force in the world while also pursuing sensible defense savings. How we spend our resources is just as important as how much we spend."

Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who served under both Republicans and Democrats, put it succinctly: "We must come to realize that not every defense program is necessary, not every defense dollar is scared and well-spent, and that more of nearly everything is simply not sustainable" especially at a time when "the gap between the U.S. military and the rest of the world . . . will continue to be vast."

I would also have liked to support the Schakowsky amendment on Iran; unfortunately, it was not made in order. Last year, the House voted at least three times, including on the FY 2020 NDAA, about the need to prevent a needless war with Iran and to reclaim our war powers to ensure that any such decision properly remains the provenance of Congress.

I am grateful that the House Appropriations Committee recently adopted an amendment to its FY 2021 Defense Appropriations bill to stop a needless war with Iran absent formal congressional authority. But we need to take every opportunity to make clear how dangerous any ill-advised war with Iran would be. Given a President who's decision-making is as reckless as it is illinformed, this Congress must consistently push for an end to escalation and saber rattling and instead to work towards immediate diplomatic solutions. This bill is a missed opportunity, one I hope that we do not come back to regret.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HARVEY WILLIAM SEXTON

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life of Harvey William Sexton, who passed away at the age of 87 after a lifetime of service to his fellow Americans. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, Harvey became an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Harvey was born on August 12, 1932. After completing 11th grade at Brethren High School, Harvey enlisted in the United States Army to fight in the Korean War. There he served with distinction in the Armored Tank Division, earning the Army Occupation Medal for Japan, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal for Korea, and four Bronze Stars—including one for Valorous Service. At 18 he was promoted to corporal, and at 20 he was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. Following his military service, Harvey married his wife Marla in July of 1953. The two of them would go on to raise a family of eight children.

Harvey passed away on April 17, 2020. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his legacy will undoubtedly live on for generations to come. Harvey's tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Harvey William Sexton. His legacy will forever live on in his family and through the countless lives he bettered through his service.

HONORING JOE GUNTER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in mourning to celebrate the life of the late Mayor of Salinas, California, Joseph David Gunter, for a lifetime of public service to both his community and our country. Mayor Gunter, a longtime resident and public servant of Salinas, passed away on June 29, 2020. It is with deep sadness that I stand here on the House floor today to honor Mayor Gunter's life and contributions.

Born into a military family in Maryland, Joe and his family eventually moved to Fort Ord, a former Army base on the central coast of California. After graduating from a local High School, Joe joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served honorably for four years during the Vietnam War. Joe's military service shaped his life and led to a lifelong career guided by a sense of duty and service to his community. Soon after returning home, Joe joined the Salinas Police Department, serving six years as a patrol officer and another twenty-six as a detective. Joe's strong leadership skills and commitment to public service led him to become Mayor of Salinas, a position in which he served for eight years.

During his time as Mayor, Joe spearheaded many projects in Salinas and throughout Monterey County. Some of these projects include development of the new Salinas Police Department and Youth Alisal Sports Fields, construction of housing for homeless and low-income residents, leading the Veteran's Day Parade, and playing a critical role in advancement of the California Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery at Fort Ord. The initiatives that Joe led will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on individual residents and the broader community for generations to come.

Joe's community service expanded far beyond his mayoral duties. He also found time to serve as the Director of Security for the Salinas Rodeo and California International Airshow, served as President and volunteer at the Salinas Women's Crisis Center, and was President and a coach of the Bobby Sox Softball League. Joe's extensive service to the community and country for more than fifty years is an inspiration to us all, and I am both proud and honored to have had the opportunity to serve alongside him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating the life of the late Mayor Joe Gunter and offering our sincere condolences to his wife, children, and grandchildren as they, alongside the community, mourn the loss of a truly special man.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I voted against the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021. While this legislation includes several provisions that I strongly support—including prohibiting the use of funds to support the Saudi-led coalition for strikes in Yemen and limiting the President's ability to divert funds to build his wasteful border wall—it ultimately fails to rein in our nation's out of control defense spending.

Amid a global pandemic, and at a time when our nation's poverty rate is at least 25 percent, it is unconscionable that Congress is authorizing a record-breaking Pentagon budget of \$740.5 billion—over half of our discretionary budget. Multiple independent analyses have concluded that our nation's collective security would not suffer by cutting obsolete cold war weapon systems, rejecting new nuclear weapons, and ending our military's reliance on expensive private contractors. Congress must confront this reality and take meaningful action to ensure that the basic needs of American families are prioritized over wasteful military spending. That's why I'm deeply disappointed that an amendment I supported to reduce the Pentagon's budget by ten percent—while exempting military personnel and the Defense Health Program from any reduction—was defeated on the House floor.

While I oppose the wasteful spending included in this legislation, I am pleased that it authorizes a three percent military pay raise and contains provisions to protect the health of military families by cleaning so-called PFAS

forever chemicals and investing in military housing infrastructure improvements. The bill also takes important steps to improve the tracking of military child abuse cases, improve sexual assault prevention and response, and require that the DoD procure body armor that properly fits female service members. I am also pleased that the bill takes meaningful action to close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay—an issue I have long championed—by eliminating arbitrary restrictions on the transfer of detainees from Guantánamo Bay that hindered the Obama Administration's ability to close the facility.

Although I am glad these important provisions were included, I could not and cannot support a bill that ensures our nation will provide \$550 billion more in discretionary funding for military spending than for healthcare, education, workforce development, and anti-poverty programs combined.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL LAURA WANG, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Laura Wang for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). Lieutenant Colonel Wang is transitioning from her present assignment for her continued service in the U.S. Army.

A native of Grosselle, Michigan, Lieutenant Colonel Wang was commissioned as a Medical Service Corps officer after her graduation from the University of Toledo, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy Management. She has also earned a Master's degree in Legislative Affairs from the George Washington University.

Lieutenant Colonel Wang has served in a broad range of assignments during her Army career. She served in Germany from 2003 to 2007 with the 501st Combat Support Battalion as the Ambulance Platoon Leader, Medical Operations Officer, and Battalion Adjutant. She then transitioned to an assignment at Walter Reed from 2007 to 2011. During this assignment she was selected as the Alpha Company Commander for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Subsequently she transitioned to a comptroller, and the garrison resource manager at Walter Reed. Following this assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Wang was assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General for the United States Army, from 2011 to 2014. Here she was first assigned as a Resource Program Officer, and then worked in Congressional Relations. Upon completion of her duties, she transitioned to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Disease located at Fort Dietrich from 2016 to 2018 where she performed duties as a comptroller. Lieutenant Colonel Wang has deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2018, Lieutenant Colonel Wang was assigned as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the U.S. Army's Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, managing the Army's medical portfolio.