

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MARK
ANTHONY

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mark Anthony for his service in my office in Washington, D.C.

Mark joined our office as a legislative fellow and served as an advisor for my work on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, in addition to handling a policy portfolio that included defense, foreign affairs, agriculture, and trade. Among other accomplishments, he coordinated legislation to improve mental health care delivery at the VA and worked with our agricultural community to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and ongoing trade tensions. Mark was instrumental in the development and introduction of the Lethal Means Safety Training Act, the Veterans in STEM Act, and the No Coronavirus Copays for Veterans Act.

Mark's professionalism, work ethic, and dedication were invaluable assets throughout his time in my office. I commend his drive to advance mental health and suicide prevention services for veterans and to improve outcomes for women veterans and younger veterans. Although Mark may be leaving our office, our veterans in northern Illinois and our community members who support and honor them will continue to benefit from the results of his hard work and expertise.

Prior to joining my staff, Mark earned a Bachelor of Science from George Mason University and served our country as an officer in the United States Marine Corps, where he deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I am grateful he chose to continue his career in public service by joining my office. Our office will miss his kindness, diligence, and friendship.

Madam Speaker, I would like to formally thank Mark Anthony for his service to my office, to Illinois' 14th Congressional District, and to our country.

UYGHUR FORCED LABOR
DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor and a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6270, the "Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act of 2020", which directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue rules requiring U.S. publicly traded companies to disclose imports of manufactured goods and materials

that originate in or are sourced in part from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) on an annual basis.

With this bill, companies would also be required to disclose that the goods and materials did not originate from forced labor as well as describe the nature and extent of commercial activity related to the products.

Furthermore, companies must also provide the gross revenue and net profits attributable to the good.

The legislation also stipulates that companies must say whether they intend to continue importing from that entity.

H.R. 6270 ensures that both the SEC and GAO would be required to report to Congress on compliance, oversight, and effectiveness.

For years, the Chinese government has engaged in a systematic campaign of repression targeting Uyghurs and other Muslim groups.

Chinese authorities have used the pretext of terrorism to suspend the Uyghurs' civil and political rights and pursue the internment of Uyghurs in "educational training centers" where they are forbidden from practicing their religious and cultural beliefs.

These same education centers are forced labor camps.

According to the BBC, approximately one million Uyghurs have been detained without trial, forced into mass internment camps, and subjected to forced labor, torture, political indoctrination, forced renunciations of faith, and other severe human rights abuses.

The U.S. Holocaust Museum's Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide recently determined that there is reasonable basis to believe crimes against humanity are being committed in the XUAR.

Furthermore, satellite imagery, leaked official documents from the Chinese government, and the testimony of camp survivors have confirmed a widespread and pervasive forced labor system that exists inside the mass internment camps.

This is a systematic, widespread, and shocking violation of basic human rights for which the Government of China must be held accountable.

The United States cannot and should not sit idly by while these gross injustices are happening.

According to numerous reports, forced labor by the Uyghur detainees in labor camps and factories feed into the supply chains of more than 80 well-known global brands.

In its 2019 Annual Report, the Congressional-Executive Commission on China found that goods produced with forced labor included textiles, electronics, food products, shoes, tea, and handicrafts.

Mr. Speaker, companies have a moral duty to ensure the goods they purchase are made using free workers who are paid a fair wage, and the transparency measures in this bill are key to ending the persistence of modern-day slavery in supply chains.

Importing products made wholly or in part from forced or prison labor is not only against U.S. law but also international human rights standards.

However, audits and due diligence efforts to ensure clean supply chains are nearly impossible due to government surveillance and the pervasiveness of forced labor in the regional economy.

Time and time again, the United States has been the beacon of freedom in the world and a fierce defender of human rights.

Today, we, as Members of Congress, have a duty to continue that legacy by condemning the heinous human rights violations against the Uyghur people in the XUAR.

By passing H.R. 6270, our actions send a message to China that Congress not only stands in solidarity with the Uyghur people but also that we will always speak up for the vulnerable and the voiceless whether that is in the Xinjiang region of China or anywhere else in the world.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Congresswoman WEXTON for introducing this vital piece of legislation, and I am proud to do my part in leading this bill through the House.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in voting for H.R. 6270.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDY
CHRISTOFOLIS

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, Judy Christofolis. Not only was she my close friend, she was also a community leader and a successful businesswoman. Over the last ten plus years of her life, she exhibited her incredible spirit and determination as she bravely fought metastatic breast cancer. Sadly, she lost her battle on March 12, 2020. I will forever cherish my memories of her.

Judy was born on January 19, 1962, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Gerald and Martha Morford. She proudly attended school in Warren Township in Indianapolis at Moorehead Elementary, Woodview Junior High, and graduated from Warren Central High School in 1980. Judy attended Butler University, graduating in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance.

Judy began her career as a CPA with Geo. S. Olive, a regional accounting firm. There she met her future husband, Ted, whom she married in 1986. Judy later was controller at Baker & Daniels law firm but eventually founded her own accounting business, Windsor Accounting Services, which later became Redwood Accounting Services. In 1998, she and Ted started Redwood Investment Advisors, an independent fee-only investment advisory firm. In 2011, Judy joined my campaign team, and served as my treasurer since 2012.

Judy and I met as members of the Junior League of Indianapolis, an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism,

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developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Judy was an exemplary and active member, serving as treasurer twice and was a board member for multiple years. She used her financial skills in the volunteer world, developing the investment strategy for the Junior League's endowment, making the Indianapolis chapter one of the most successful chapters in the country. The Indianapolis Art Center (IAC) benefitted from her accounting, financial and investment skills during her tenure on its board. Ted and Judy enjoyed taking clients and friends to ArtSparkle, the summer party supporting IAC. In addition, Judy was on the board of Indianapolis Day Nursery, Indiana's oldest and largest early childhood education non-profit.

In the last decade of Judy's life, while she battled breast cancer, she was a founding member of the Indianapolis American Cancer Society Guild and served as its treasurer. The Guild's mission is to support the Central Indiana office of the American Cancer Society by generating awareness, raising funds and providing support for community outreach programs to achieve the shared goal of saving lives by helping people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back. This mission epitomized Judy's fight against breast cancer.

Judy was known for her compassion and friendship and lived her life with passion. She was cherished by many, including her dear friends in her book club as well as the "Kool Kat" Club, made up of long-time high school girlfriends. Every Christmas, she entertained clients and friends at a much anticipated and beloved party, exclusively catered by Judy. She learned her skills from studying at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. The cookies and dog treats were especially prized by those fortunate enough to attend!

Judy had a love for animals that was unmatched. Often times, Judy found dogs but sometimes they found her as was the case with Jasmine, one of her favorite strays. Ted and Judy's beautiful homes were always full of dogs adored by them both.

Judy spent summers at Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana as a child, and later she and Ted built a beautiful home on Syracuse Lake which was always full of family, friends and fun. I was pleased to be a guest there several times.

She was a loving wife, sister, daughter, aunt and friend who will be missed deeply by so many people. She was strong and courageous throughout her entire fight with breast cancer, never lost her positivity and fought hard until the very end.

I stand today in honor of the wonderful life my friend Judy lived. I know so many will miss her and remember her as a shining light in their lives. I send my sincerest condolences to her husband Ted, her fur babies Jasmine, Big Boy Joe, J.B., Josie and the late Brady, her brother Richard and his family and all who were fortunate enough to know her.

CELEBRATING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Filipino American History Month which commemorates the arrival of the first Filipinos, or "Luzones Indios," landing in what is now known as Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587. For over 400 years, Filipino Americans have been key participants in the American experiment, striving towards equality and justice for all.

This continues today. As our nation battles the COVID-19 pandemic, Filipino American healthcare workers have been essential in our response to the virus. Nearly 150,000 healthcare workers across the country are second or third-generation Filipino American. I deeply appreciate the hard work and sacrifice of these heroes who fight every day to protect and heal their fellow Americans.

Since 1900, Filipino Americans have enriched the fabric of Utah as artists, farmers, educators, healthcare workers, and activists. Over 15,000 Filipino Americans call Utah home and are one of our state's fastest growing communities. As we commemorate Filipino American History Month, I am so grateful for the contributions that have been made to our great state and Nation by Filipino Americans.

JUDGE RICHARD E. FIELDS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Judge Richard E. Fields of Charleston, South Carolina. I am in awe of his continued public service to the Lowcountry and his trailblazing legacy for the African American community of our state.

After graduating from Howard University School of Law in 1947, Judge Fields was the first black attorney to open a law firm in Charleston. He found success after success and served honorably as a South Carolina Circuit Court judge until his retirement in 1992.

Judge Fields is a proud worshiper at the historic Centenary Methodist Church, where he was elected as Treasurer in 1950 and still holds that position to this date. For more than 50 years, he served as the delegate to the South Carolina Annual Conference and was a member of the Merger Committee that desegregated the white and Black conferences of the United Methodist Church during the late 1960s and early 1970s. A voting rights "champion," Judge Fields helped form the Charleston County Political Action Committee where he organized black voters and helped elect Black South Carolinians to office.

Anyone who knows Judge Fields can attest that he is a friend who quickly becomes family. He is more than willing to offer legal advice or spiritual affirmations and he does so with integrity and kindness. Not many people can say they have a U.S. Post Office named after

them like Judge Fields; even less can say they have lived such a fulfilling and philanthropic life like Judge Fields. I thank Judge Fields for an incredible century of service to South Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, due to commitments back in my district, I had to miss votes on September 30, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209; YEA on Roll Call No. 210; YEA on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; and NAY on Roll Call No. 213.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION PROFESSIONAL CAREER PROGRAM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5822, the "Homeland Security Acquisition Professional Career Program Act," which would authorize an acquisition professional career program (APCP) within DHS.

This program, which DHS established in 2008, is a pipeline for a cadre of acquisition professionals to support the Department's multi-billion dollar investments in goods and services.

Under APCP, DHS hires individuals, many of which are new to the Federal government or recent college graduates, at the GS-7 grade level to work in one of six acquisition positions.

Upon successful completion of the three-year program, participants are placed into permanent full-time positions at the GS-12 grade level.

The bill outlines the requirements for the program, which includes acquisition training, on-the-job experience, Department-wide rotations, mentorship, shadowing, and other career development opportunities for participants.

The bill also requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to report annually to Congress through fiscal year 2026 on various aspects of the program, including the DHS components and offices that participated, attrition and retention rates, and the Department's recruiting efforts for the program.

The Department of Homeland Security is the third largest Department of the U.S. government, with a workforce of 229,000 employees and 22 components including TSA, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, FEMA, the Coast Guard, Secret Service, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, the National Protection and Programs Directorate, and the Science and Technology Directorate.

This year, the House Appropriations Committee approved \$50.72 billion in FY 2021 discretionary funding, including \$48.1 billion in