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STANDING AGAINST THE CCP

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the entire world has had to endure the Wuhan virus destroying lives. Now there is evidence that China has launched state-sponsored hackers to target virus vaccine research. As chairman of the RSC National Security and Foreign Affairs Task Force, I am grateful to have introduced the RSC National Security Strategy.

This report recommends over a dozen measures to counter theft by the Chinese Communist Party of our IP and trade secrets, including new measures to stop and punish their cyberattacks and enhance outdated laws. One of these is to change the International Trade Commission, making it easier for American companies to block Chinese imports that were the product of stolen trade secrets. This report also includes the toughest sanctions ever on the oppressive Chinese Communist Party, promoting opportunities for the Chinese people.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. Our sympathy for the family and friends of Bernell Trammell of Milwaukee.

AMERICA HAS A CHILDCARE CRISIS

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, as we face the COVID-19 health and economic crisis, childcare centers across our country are on the verge of collapse. The consequences can be felt throughout our society: From children, to childcare workers, to working parents—disproportionately women—who were already struggling to stay afloat given the acute national shortage of affordable childcare services. For these parents, who depend on childcare in order to maintain their careers and pay their bills, the answer is more affordable childcare, not less.

The Child Care Is Essential Act would provide direct financial support for childcare providers during and after this crisis. The Child Care for Economic Recovery Act would deliver crucial Federal investments in childcare facilities. These are two immediate steps that we can take on behalf of working families right now.

Once we pass this legislation, our focus must turn to addressing the lack of affordability in childcare more so

that we can finally ensure that every working family who needs childcare can obtain and afford it. We must support working families by expanding access to at-home learning and childcare.

ALL TRADITIONAL DECORUM HAS BEEN LOST

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday's House Judiciary hearing was one of the most disgraceful events I and millions of Americans have witnessed in this Congress. No election or apparent hatred of any person should spark behavior that is beneath this office.

As one of my constituents said, "all traditional decorum has been lost." The Attorney General of the United States was accused by Democrat Members of using Federal force to quell the unrest in Portland for the purpose of providing footage for campaign ads; meanwhile, refusing to condemn attacks to a Federal courthouse.

For more than 60 days, Portland had experienced violent protests, and now today's Democrats are rationalizing the situation by blaming the Federal law enforcement officials for destruction which had been caused weeks before their arrival.

We have come to expect this level of deliberate mischaracterization from the media, but from Members? How are we not united in denouncing violence in our streets? How are we not united in providing resources to safely open our schools and restart our economy and find a vaccine? How are we not united in passing an effective phase 4 relief package focused on solving problems, not prolonging them through November 3rd?

RECOGNIZING UTERINE FIBROIDS AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month.

Uterine fibroids are noncancerous tumors that affect an estimated 26 million women between the ages of 15 and 50 in the United States.

As vice chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee and a survivor of uterine fibroids myself, I know that increasing awareness about uterine fibroids is critical to our efforts to address the national maternity mortality crisis and prevent pregnancy-related deaths.

While more than 80 percent of African Americans and 70 percent of Caucasians develop fibroids by the time they reach menopause, hospitalization rates for uterine fibroids are three times higher for African American women and twice as high for Latina women. However, the exact number of affected

women is unknown because it is difficult for healthcare providers to detect and accurately diagnose this condition.

This issue has not received the attention or funding it deserves. This is why I was proud to introduce H.R. 6383, the Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act of 2020.

This awareness month is an opportunity to cast the spotlight on the forgotten issue that impacts the lives of women of color.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a landmark piece of legislation for people with disabilities.

More than 55 million Americans have a disability, whether it is physical, learning, cognitive, or other.

There are many ways we can support this community and providing job opportunities is a great place to start. Many Americans with disabilities struggle to find employment, despite the wealth of skills they have to offer, and a job can provide independence, economic self-sufficiency, and pride.

We must also support students with disabilities. I am proud to be a cosponsor of the IDEA Full Funding Act, a bill that creates a 10-year plan to hold the Federal Government accountable for the full 40 percent of funding for special education promised by Congress in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975.

Mr. Speaker, the Americans with Disabilities Act is an incredible milestone for legal protections for Americans with disabilities, but we can still do more to fight stigmas, defy prejudice, and empower those with disabilities in our everyday lives.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF ROBERT EDINGTON

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Robert Edington. Robert's countless accolades and recognitions reflect a lifetime of devotion to his hometown of Mobile.

This impressive list includes a 2012 Mobile Area Veteran of the Year, the 2007 Mobilian of the Year, State president and national director of the Navy League of the United States, chairman of the USS Alabama Battleship Commission, and a member of the Alabama House of Representatives and Alabama State Senate.

Robert was active duty with the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955, then started in the Navy Active Reserve until his retirement as a commander in 1980. As a Navy Air Operations Officer, he received numerous awards and designations.

As a fellow graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, I had the pleasure of working with Robert on many occasions, and I will miss his passion, professionalism, and friendship.

I offer my sincere condolences to his beloved wife, Pat, and their children. They can be proud of the legacy of service that Robert leaves behind.

RECOGNIZING NICKY CHRISTOPHER

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an amazing member of our community. Nicky Christopher is a 12-year-old from Yardley, Pennsylvania, who has been working to brighten the day of people across our community.

Over the last several months, Nicky has decorated dozens of homes to celebrate birthdays, graduations, and bar and bat mitzvahs and other causes for celebration.

In an amazing show of community spirit, families have donated supplies and decorations to help Nicky continue to bring joy across our community. And while Nicky receives some cash donations, he takes any money that is not spent on supplies, and he donates that money to children who have been displaced from their homes.

Mr. Speaker, Nicky's kindness and generosity are an inspiration for our entire community and our entire Nation. I know that he has been able to brighten the day of so many people in our community when they have really needed it the most.

Last month I had the opportunity to meet Nicky over Zoom, and I cannot say enough about what an amazing young man he is and how proud I am to represent him in Congress and how incredibly proud his family must be.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Nicky for bringing so much light to our community and to our Nation. We need more people like him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERIC MEYERHOFF

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of beloved Savannah architect Eric Meyerhoff, who passed away at the age of 91.

Eric was a gift to the Savannah community, who blessed it with his gift of

imagination. Eric helped create the Savannah Riverfront and more than 74 projects in the historic district, including the World War II monument titled, "A World Apart," which is located on River Street.

Eric played a large part in making the beautiful city what it is today, and he spent over 50 years bringing his vision for Savannah to life. Although Eric was extremely committed to Savannah's architecture, he was even more committed to his people.

Eric and his family escaped Nazi Germany in the 1930s, so he had many impactful stories that touched countless lives.

Eric was also a veteran. Eric served as a translator in the United States Army.

Eric was a graduate of the University of Florida and was a huge Florida Gators fan.

Although most in the Savannah community knew Eric as a renowned architect, he was also a devoted teacher, provider, husband, and father.

I am thankful for the life Eric lived, and he will leave a lasting impact on Savannah with his architectural creations. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ED EWING

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of a great World War II veteran, Ed Ewing from Redding, California.

Ed is a U.S. Army veteran, who once dreamed of being a doctor but then found his way to be a longtime owner and operator of Economy 4 Cycle Marine.

Ed began his business in Redding in 1960. He tried to retire in 1985 and did so for 6 years, but he reopened his doors again and worked until just a few years ago, finally retiring at 98 years old.

Ed knows Bearcat outboard motors inside and out, and he had people seeking out his expertise from all over the country.

At his birthday party this past weekend, I am told that Ed still appeared to be running on all cylinders.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Ed a happy birthday and I wish him and his family a wonderful year ahead.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1067, I call up the bill (H.R. 7617) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1067, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-60, modified by the amendment printed in part A of House Report 116-461, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 7617

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO ACT.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to "this Act" contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

SEC. 3. REFERENCES TO REPORT.

(a) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division A of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-453. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division A and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division A.

(b) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division B of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-455. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division B and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division B.

(c) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division C of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-449. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division C and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division C.

(d) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division D of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-456. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division D and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division D.

(e) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division E of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-450. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division E and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division E.

(f) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division F of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-452. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division F and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division F.

SEC. 4. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

(a) Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

(b) Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only if the