

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, the insightful columnist Star Parker provided an extraordinary analysis, "Supreme Court Fight is about Life and Death," in the Aiken Standard.

"CHUCK SCHUMER, Senate minority leader, says, 'Our number one goal must be to communicate the stakes of this Supreme Court fight to the American people' . . . 'nothing is off the table.'"

"Nothing? Not even violence?"

" . . . Senator SCHUMER is right that the American people must know what's at stake.

"Will we have a culture of life and civility, or a culture of death, violence, and chaos. . . ."

"Fortunately, President Donald Trump understands what is at stake."

Because of "the diligence of this President and the Republican Senate, we will soon see an outstanding conservative woman—one who respects both the sanctity of life and the sanctity of our Nation's institutions—fill this Court vacancy."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Godspeed, Amy Barrett and Carol Davis.

HONORING TOM WICKHAM

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a faithful servant of the people's House, Parliamentarian Tom Wickham.

Tom is only the fifth Parliamentarian in this institution's history, and he is concluding his 25 years of service in the Parliamentarian's Office this week.

One of the distinguishing features of Tom's service has been his work with the House Democracy Partnership and his willingness to extend himself internationally, to share his experiences and insight with those organizing and administering parliaments in emerging, often struggling democracies.

Just last fall, Members would have been heartened to see the reception that Tom, along with Clerk Cheryl Johnson and Shuwanza Goff, received from their counterparts in Kenya, Liberia, Ethiopia, and The Gambia.

We have all benefited from Tom's dedicated service and the skill, integrity, and fairness he has brought to the Parliamentarian's role.

We wish him and his family Godspeed as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING NEW FREEDOM FARM

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Freedom Farm in Buchanan, Virginia.

Founded in 2016 by Lois Fritz, New Freedom Farm is a nonprofit community that aids veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, and traumatic brain injury.

Through animal therapy, farming, and peer-to-peer support, this tremendous organization strives to empower veterans and help them heal through the realization of their own efforts and contributions. The farm says its mission is to heal heroes through horses.

At the facility, veterans often develop deep friendships through equine activity and gentling, fostering, physical, emotional, and spiritual health, which helps with reintegration into civilian life.

They offer their services to veterans entirely free of charge and say they are able to operate through donations and faith.

I applaud the entire team at New Freedom Farm for their passion and commitment to serving those who serve our Nation. I wish them continued success moving forward and thank them for their incredible work.

CONGRATULATIONS, DALLASTOWN ELEMENTARY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the faculty, staff, and students of Dallastown Elementary School in the Dallastown Area School District on being recognized as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was founded nearly 40 years ago to recognize outstanding public and private schools that are making a difference and exemplify excellence. Dallastown Elementary was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School.

I thank Dallastown Area Superintendent Dr. Joshua Doll, the school board, and the leadership and teachers at Dallastown Elementary for working so hard for this achievement. In their application, school principal Charles Patterson noted that one of the distinguishing characteristics he sees about Dallastown Elementary is that they have built a school family. The quality education these students receive prepares them for success throughout the rest of their lives.

Congratulations, again, to Dallastown Elementary School for being named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School.

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THE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING ARE TWO-TIME STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring some thunder to the House Chamber and recognize the now two-time Stanley Cup Champion Tampa Bay Lightning.

Behind the leadership of Captain Steven Stamkos and Stanley Cup MVP Victor Hedman, the Bolts have enshrined themselves as one of the greatest teams of all time.

Although COVID prevented fans from attending the playoffs, the distant thunder of the greatest fans in hockey and the determination of the Lightning got them to the top of the mountain, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we say in Tampa Bay, Stanley Needs a Tan. And let me just say, it is sunny back in Tampa Bay.

While one Tampa Bay championship run comes to an end, another begins. Best of luck to the Tampa Bay Rays as they begin their quest to secure their first World Series title.

Let's make Tampa Bay Title Town USA.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I remind Mr. BILIRAKIS, everyone knows that Detroit is actually hockey town.

Mr. Speaker, every day, members in law enforcement put on their uniform not knowing if they are going to come home, these mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, and daughters.

In an era of heightened rhetoric, I stand here today to say thank you to our women and men in uniform.

Recently, we have seen a rise in attacks against police officers across the country and even in west Michigan.

This month, officers in Muskegon Heights responded to a domestic disturbance where two people were shot, one of them murdered.

A police chase ensued when a deputy encountered the suspect driving the wrong way. When the deputy tried to apprehend the suspect while driving, he was fired upon.

Multiple departments working together were able to use a police cruiser to disable the suspect's vehicle.

Unbeknownst to the officers, there was also a developmentally disabled woman in the backseat who was rescued and brought to safety.

This incredible story follows a weekend where 11 shootings took place in Grand Rapids.

Despite all this, some of my colleagues still think that defunding the police is a good idea. I am here to tell you it is not. This will only hurt community policing initiatives for the very communities that need it the most.

So, Mr. Speaker, I say thank you to the incredible men and women who

serve in west Michigan. We stand with you and appreciate your professionalism, your courage, and your dedication to our community.

HONORING ROYCE CARTER

(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 a great American.

Mr. Royce Everett Carter of Blackshear, Georgia, passed away on September 12 at the age of 85.

Royce was born and raised in Georgia, and he lived in Pierce County for the past 52 years.

Committed to improving transportation and infrastructure in the State of Georgia, he had worked for the Georgia Department of Transportation as a project engineer for the State Highway Department until his retirement.

Royce worked on several projects with T.R. Long Engineering over the years, including the Royce E. Carter roundabout on New School Road, which was dedicated to the work he did throughout his life to improve his community.

He was a steadfast public servant who was always looking for opportunities to improve the lives around him.

In his limited free time, he enjoyed golf, and took his appreciation for it to new heights when he served on the board of the Lakeview Golf Club and eventually became president.

Royce loved his friends, his family, his community, and his church dearly, and he used every opportunity to make the most of the time he spent on this Earth.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for the life he lived, and I know his legacy will continue for years to come.

I know that every time I drive the Royce E. Carter roundabout, I will remember the impact he made on Georgia's First Congressional District.

UYGHUR FORCED LABOR DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2020

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1129, I call up the bill (H.R. 6270) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to make certain disclosures relating to the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, 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 (Mr. CUELLAR). Pursuant to House Resolution 1129, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-64 is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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

H.R. 6270

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 “Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act of 2020”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Since early 2017, the Government of the People's Republic of China has conducted a policy of disappearance, mass internment, and imprisonment of Turkic Muslims, particularly Uyghurs, in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR).

(2) Since 2014, Chinese authorities have detained between 800,000 and possibly up to three million Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and other ethnic minorities in forced education, training, and labor camps.

(3) The bi-partisan, bi-cameral Congressional-Executive Commission on China's 2019 Annual Report found numerous reports of forced labor associated with government repression of ethnic minority groups in the XUAR. Detainees performed forced labor in factories both within and outside of internment camps in XUAR.

(4) Radio Free Asia reported in January 2019 that authorities had also sent Uyghurs and Kazakhs from the XUAR to other provinces in China for forced labor.

(5) Comments in March 2018 from the president of the China National Textile and Apparel Council suggested that textile manufacturers were working with XUAR authorities to exploit forced labor.

(6) Companies that work in the XUAR are at great risk of complicity in the human rights abuses being committed in the region.

(7) In a March 2020 report, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute identified 27 factories in nine Chinese provinces that are using Uyghur labor transferred from Xinjiang. These factories indirectly supply global brands, including many American multinational companies.

(8) Forced labor in XUAR is Chinese government policy and due diligence efforts to ensure clean supply chains is nearly impossible due to mass surveillance, pervasive police presence, and intimidation of workers.

SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE XINJIANG UYGHUR AUTONOMOUS REGION.

Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(s) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE XINJIANG UYGHUR AUTONOMOUS REGION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection, the Commission shall issue rules to require each issuer required to file an annual report under this section or section 15(d) or a proxy statement under section 14 to disclose in each such report or proxy statement whether, during the period covered by the report or proxy statement—

“(A) the issuer or any affiliate of the issuer, directly or indirectly, engaged with an entity or the affiliate of an entity to import—

“(i) manufactured goods, including electronics, food products, textiles, shoes, and teas, that originated in the XUAR; or

“(ii) manufactured goods containing materials that originated or are sourced in the XUAR;

“(B) with respect to any goods or materials described under subparagraph (A), whether the goods or material originated in forced labor camps; and

“(C) with respect to each manufactured good or material described under subparagraph (A)—

“(i) the nature and extent of the commercial activity related to such good or material;

“(ii) the gross revenue and net profits, if any, attributable to the good or material; and

“(iii) whether the issuer or the affiliate of the issuer intends to continue with such importation.

“(2) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Commission shall make all information disclosed

pursuant to this subsection available to the public on the website of the Commission.

“(3) REPORTS.—

“(A) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Commission shall—

“(i) conduct an annual assessment of the compliance of issuers with the requirements of this subsection; and

“(ii) issue a report to Congress containing the results of the assessment required under clause (i).

“(B) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall periodically evaluate and report to Congress on the effectiveness of the oversight by the Commission of the disclosure requirements under this subsection.

“(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) FORCED LABOR CAMP.—The term ‘forced labor camp’ means—

“(i) any entity engaged in the ‘mutual pairing assistance’ program which subsidizes the establishment of manufacturing facilities in XUAR;

“(ii) any entity using convict labor, forced labor, or indentured labor described under section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1307); and

“(iii) any other entity that the Commission determines is appropriate.

“(B) XUAR.—The term ‘XUAR’ means the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services.

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HUIZENG) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 6270 and to insert extraneous material thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6270, the Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act of 2020, important legislation introduced by Representative WEXTON, a valued member of the Committee on Financial Services.

The Uyghurs are a Turkic-speaking Muslim group and are one of a number of Muslim groups in Xinjiang that are persecuted, arbitrarily arrested, detained in forced labor concentration camps, and even executed. It has been reported by human rights advocates that over 1 million people are being held by the Chinese Government in detention camps across the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

The Government of the People's Republic of China falsely refers to these concentration camps as vocational camps or reeducation camps.

Make no mistake: The truth is that today, in 2020, 1 million human beings are being held in concentration camps where they are beaten, starved, and forced to work long hours in conditions